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Candidates clash on use of government to review designs

By PAUL WOLF

NONE OF the four candidates for Carmel City Council denies the basic problem: The planning commission spends far too much time on building project designs and not enough on long-range planning.



But where the four candidates differ is on the question of whether the city should establish a new commission whose only job would be to review residential and commercial designs.

Candidates clash with two for and two against.

Incumbent Councilwoman Paula Hazdovac and challenger Sue McCloud argue that the

time has come for a separate design commission — that is, if the planning commission is going to fulfill its true mission.

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Monterey man tied to 4 gallery burglaries turns self in to CPD

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE MAN who allegedly stole petty cash totaling \$526 from four local Thomas Kinkadee galleries in one night turned himself in to the Carmel Police February 19.

Dennis Ray Guyot, 32, of Monterey, a Thomas Kinkadee delivery man working at the main office on Wave Street in Monterey, has been charged with four counts of burglary, according to Carmel Detective Sgt. Pete Poiras.

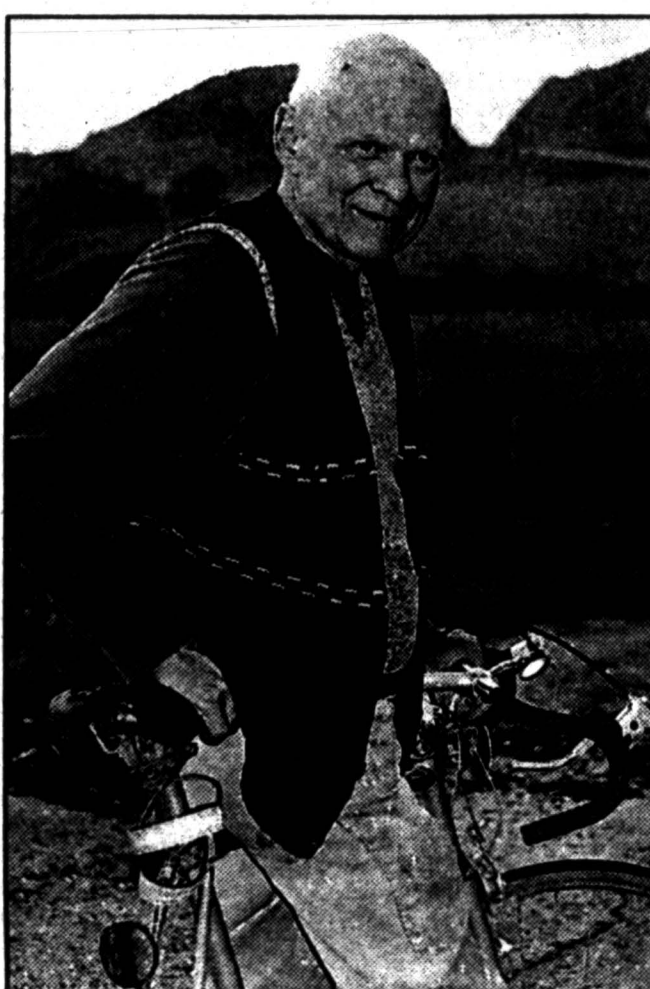
Guyot was suspected of using keys January 29 to

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NEW WAY OF LIFE IN BIG SUR

Access: Convoys, no night travel

By KIRSTIE WILDE



PHOTO/SUSAN BECK

Jim Casteel personifies Big Sur's hardy spirit.

Jim Casteel rises to occasion, cycles to chemotherapy

BIG SUR resident Jim Casteel says his Irish willpower has been of great service to him during these trying times.

And the recent inconveniences are more trying to him than they are for most others. He has managed to find the strength to make a round-trip bicycle ride to town (24 miles each way) for chemotherapy after storms forced the closure of Highway 1.

More than 300 people attended a benefit for the 58-year-old artist last weekend. Anyone wishing to make a contribution may send a check to the Jim Casteel Special Needs Trust, c/o Mike Eckstrom, 1210 Hillsdale St., Seaside, CA, 93955.

—Susan Beck

THE HIGHWAY to Big Sur was just hours from opening for locals to get back and forth to Carmel every night, when the skies opened up Saturday and washed away the road again.

Now they are back to square one, with the only access to Big Sur by sheriff-led convoys once a week, on Fridays.

"It was heartbreaking," said Caltrans spokeswoman Val Houdyshell.

"It's hard to explain the feelings of our crews. We were so close to getting the highway open for the people of Big Sur and then the storms came again. I'm surprised you didn't hear a huge sigh from the workers out there all the way to Carmel."

Twenty different damage sites are being manned by 150 construction workers along Highway 1 between Malpas Creek and the Monterey County line. For safety's sake, they are working only during daylight, which is why the road was about to open at night for Big Sur residents who absolutely had to get back and forth.

Now that the rain has undermined several more stretches of Highway 1, the only people who will be allowed night-time access will be residents of Palo Colorado Canyon, from 7 p.m. to 6:45 a.m. Highway 1 will be blocked off just below Palo Colorado Canyon Road until further notice, according to Houdyshell.

Some good news

There is one bit of good news among all the bad: Geotechnical engineers from Caltrans have judged



PHOTO/KIRSTIE WILDE

Geologist Ron Richman says 'massive amounts of earth' will be moved to repair Highway 1 at Hurricane Point.

the single lane left at Hurricane Point is strong enough to hold construction equipment.

That is vitally important if the highway is to be repaired by the Big Sur Marathon at the end of April, according to Houdyshell, because it will allow much easier access for workers and supplies as they cut two new lanes inland of the slide.

"We have to realign the roadway, which will require the removal of massive amounts of earth," said Houdyshell.

Engineering geologist Ron Richman estimated that the realignment will be at least 600 feet, and that about 40 vertical feet of earth must be removed along that stretch.

There is another complicating factor to getting the job done in the wilds of Big Sur: No communications. Pagers don't work, cell phones don't work, and it's too far to shout.

"If you have a good line on some carrier pigeons, let me know!" said Houdyshell.

■ The Friday convoys between Big Sur and Malpas run 7-9 a.m. and 5-7 p.m. Big Sur I.D. required

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Commission to cafe: Muffins but not meals

By TAMARA GRIPPI

FEELING THE constraints of a one-year-old food ordinance, the Carmel Planning Commission turned down a request by Caffe Cardinale to add soups, salads and sandwiches to its menu Wednesday night.

The new ordinance sets up strict categories for types of restaurants and prohibits businesses from transforming from one classification to another.

As a business that falls within the "specialty restaurant" category Caffe Cardinale is allowed to sell two food products — coffee and baked goods. If the cafe added soups, salads and sandwiches, the cafe would be moving into the "full line restaurant" category, according to Carmel Planning Director Brian Roseth.

While sympathizing with cafe

See **CARDINALE** page 16A

'These rules are continuing the strangulation of small business in Carmel.'

—Gasper Cardinale



PHOTO/TAMARA GRIPPI

Gasper Cardinale said serving soup, salad and sandwiches would help his family survive during the off season.

CRA 'Citizen' Linda Anderson not one to rest on her laurels

By TAMARA GRIPPI

DESPITE HAVING just received the 1997 Carmel Residents Association Citizen of the Year Award, Linda Anderson couldn't stop herself from cleaning up the Scout House Sunday afternoon.

"Why is the Citizen of the Year sweeping the floor?" somebody asked.

"Why not?" Anderson responded. "I'm one of those people who likes to get in and roll up my sleeves."

Indeed, Anderson was chosen because of her hard work on various community projects.

"Over the last 20 years, our honored person has been selfless in protecting and advancing the residential values of Carmel-by-the-Sea," said Howard Skidmore, who introduced Anderson.

Anderson also received praise from local politicians, including Rep. Sam Farr, D-Carmel, Assemblyman Fred Keeley, D-Boulder Creek, Fifth District Supervisor Dave Potter and Mayor Ken White — all of whom were on hand.

"Linda is one of my heroes," White said.

"Where Carmel is concerned, you've shown an incredibly warm, caring attitude about everything," Farr said.

With tears in her eyes, Anderson said she was humbled to be included among CRA citizens of the year — a group that includes her husband Clayton, who was honored for

his work in organizing the CRA's monthly beach cleanups.

"There's no better place in the world to live than Carmel," Anderson said.

Anderson has served two terms on Carmel's cultural commission, including three years as chairwoman. She is a board member and secretary of Sunset Center for the Arts, the group raising funds for the renovation of Sunset Center.

She has served as both the president and the secretary of the CRA. For the past 10 years, Anderson has been editor of the monthly CRA newsletter.

For the past six years, Linda and Clayton organized the CRA's beach clean-up.

Anderson is a member of the city's Parking 2000 Committee and served on the Commercial Advisory Task Force, a committee that recently wrapped up its work.

For 10 years, Anderson was the assistant to the president and director of personnel at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. Volunteering is a little easier these days now that she doesn't have a full-time job, she said.

In the past, Anderson has been active in the Northeast Carmel Neighbors Association and the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club.

Food from the event was provided by Bates Carmel Cafe, Bully III, Cafe Berlin, Cafe Gringo, Caffe Napoli, Cafe Stravaganza, Casanova, China Gourmet, The General



PHOTO/TAMARA GRIPPI

Linda Anderson received the CRA honor from event emcee Howard Skidmore and CRA President Mary Condry.

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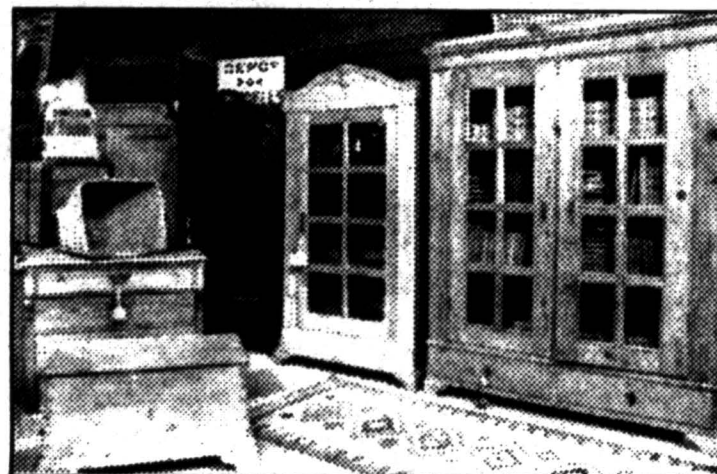
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Couple combs community in 'Operation Storm Kitty'

By KIERSTEN MCCUTCHAN

LET IT not be said that Louise Jamie lacks friends. But the devastation caused by recent storms has deprived her of one very special relationship.

The 90-year-old and her beloved tiger-striped "Kat" were evacuated from Otter Cove when storms robbed their home of electricity, heat and telephone service.

During the evacuation, Annemarie and Don Rogers opened their Andril Fireplace

Cottages in Asilomar to Mrs. Jamie and Kat.

They were devastated when Kat disappeared shortly after they moved in, especially since Mrs. Jamie is fragile and sorely needs the companionship of her best friend.

The Rogers have done everything they can think of to find Kat and they are hoping neighbors will join the search.

They have put out pounds of cat food

See LOST CAT page 8A

WANTED/REWARD

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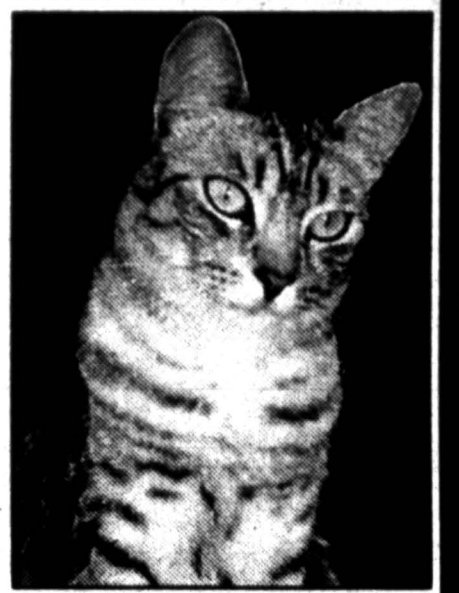
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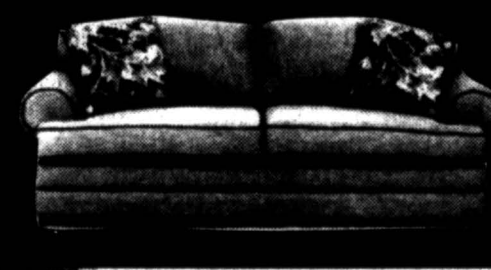
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Woman locks herself in bathroom

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Department last week.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject pruning cypress tree on Scenic and Eighth concerned that tree was damaged due to storm and might fall on his roof. Subject warned that it was "ill pruning."

Carmel-by-the-Sea: One dozen people warned about surf and rocks off Carmel Point.

Carmel area: At Santa Rita Street a woman reports getting in a domestic dispute

with her husband. She had asked him to move out and he had caused a disturbance. An emergency protective order was initiated.

Carmel Valley: A nine-year-old reported finding graffiti painted on several doors of an elementary school in the valley.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Carmel area: In the area south of Carmel near Big Sur a woman reports that her neighbor's dog attacked her goats and sheep, injuring several and killed one goat.

Carmel area: Welfare check requested on daughter living on Oliver Road. She wasn't there, and neither was her car.

Carmel area: Man in Carmel Highlands

reports that his car was vandalized with spray paint along with several others in the area.

Carmel area: On Riley Ranch Road a reporting party said his wife was refusing to take her medication. She became suspicious of him, locked herself in the bathroom, drank several beers and then continued to hide out in the bathroom. She gave herself up to be committed.

Carmel area: Female on Oliver Road said her ex-boyfriend egged her car. No damage and the car was cleaned without difficulty.

Carmel Valley: El Caminito Road resident received several envelopes in the mail that appeared to be tampered with. They were taped, yet they didn't look like they had ever been opened. Resident believes someone may be investigating him secretly.

Carmel Valley: On Carmel Valley Road a woman said she wanted to pick up some cabinets from a valley restaurant. The owner of the restaurant told her boyfriend to first pay \$150. The boyfriend refused and the restaurant owner said he could pick up cabinets anyway when he was "not as busy."

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of subject failing to stop at stop signs. Contacted driver who said he was running out of gas and had to "glide" through several of them. He was counseled.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Carmel resident stopped for speeding at Rio Road area.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Torres and Third resident missing a pair of \$200 earrings and \$160.

Carmel area: Person reported finding a syringe in the parking lot near a restaurant.

Carmel area: Woman found intoxicated at a local ranch/eatery. She was unable to care for herself and was taken into custody.

Carmel area: Woman left her purse at a local shopping center bus stop. Man found it and turned it in, with all the money intact, to the sheriff.

Carmel area: Woman in vicinity of Soberanes Point said she was approached by a man in violation of a court order.

Carmel area: Helicopters requested in evacuating stranded tourists from Highway 1.

Carmel Valley: An attempt at car theft was thwarted when the car alarm went off on Valley Greens Drive.

Carmel Valley: Person on Meadow Place said they have been getting a lot of phone calls over the past week. The caller hangs up when they answer.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Assisted foreign visitors in locating lost vehicle in business district.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: San Carlos and Santa Lucia, report of a possible heart attack. Subject conscious and breathing. Transported to Community Hospital.

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by members of the Cadette Girl Scouts Troop 2048
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Extraordinary Business None
- V. Announcements from Closed Session, from City Council Members and the City Administrator
 - A. Announcements from Closed Session
 - B. Announcements from City Council representatives on outside agencies
 - C. Announcements from the City Administrator
 1. Receive report on the February 1998 wind/rain storms
- VI. Appearances
- VII. Consent Calendar
 - A. Approve the City Council minutes for the meeting of 20 January 1998, copies having been distributed to members of the City Council
 - B. Ratify the bills paid for the month of February 1998, copies having been distributed to members of the City Council
 - C. Adopt Resolution No. 98-18 designating precincts and polling places and appointing members of the precinct boards for the General Municipal Election to be held April 14, 1998
 - D. Adopt Resolution No. 98-16 naming the Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club an official support group of the City
 - E. Adopt Resolution No. 98-17 authorizing the destruction of certain records (Administration)
 - F. Approve request of Mayor White to direct staff to prepare an amendment to the Land Use Element of the General Plan by adding a Policy that preserves the size and boundaries of the R-1 Land Use District
 - G. Adopt the Advanced Planning Work Program for Calendar Year 1998
 - H. Adopt Resolution No. 98-19 entering into an agreement with National Parking & Valet for management of the north lot at Sunset Center
- VIII. Public Hearings
 - A. Consideration of Ordinance No. 98-03 establishing allowed uses, standards and procedures for the A-3 Senior Citizens Facilities Land Use District and rezoning certain property from R-1 to A-3 (property owned by the Carmel Foundation located on the southwest corner of Dolores Street and 8th Avenue, Block 95, Lots 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12); and Consideration of Resolution No. 98-14 adopting a Negative Declaration and amending the General Plan regarding quasi-public uses in the R-1 District
- IX. Ordinances
 - A. Consideration of Ordinance No. 98-02 amending Chapter 2.08, City Administrator, by authorizing the City Administrator to file an appeal of any decision of a Commission/Committee/Board (second reading)
 - B. Consideration of Ordinance No. 98-01 rescinding Ordinance No. 95-02 which increased the Transient Occupancy Tax from 10 percent to 10 1/2 percent (second reading)
- X. Orders of Council None
- XI. Resolutions None
- XII. Adjournment

The next meetings of the City Council will be:

Special Meeting (Budget Workshop)
Tuesday, March 17, 1997 • 3:30 p.m. • Council Chambers

The Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 7, 1997 • 3:00 p.m. (Closed Session) • 3:30 p.m. (Open Session) • Council Chambers

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CV Road bottleneck to get Band-Aid

■ It's a 'throw-away project,' but Caltrans says turn lane needed until 2002

By PAUL WOLF

A PLANNED second right-turn lane from Carmel Valley Road onto Highway 1 has a unique design feature — planned obsolescence.

It will relieve that intersection's terrible congestion until the Hatton Canyon

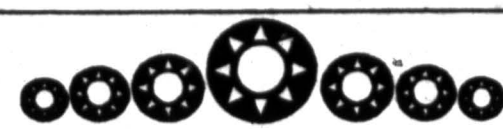
Freeway is built, and that's no small matter, argued Gregg Albright, a Caltrans landscape engineer who has spent more than the last decade designing the freeway.

Caltrans has budgeted \$520,000 for the extra turn lane, to serve until the year 2002 when Caltrans expects the \$43 million freeway to be completed. At that time the turn lanes will disappear, paved over by the freeway, he explained.

Calling it a "throw-away project,"

See **TURN LANE** page 6A

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CANDIDATES

From page 1A

"The planning commission has not been planning, but only doing its design function," McCloud said. "It should be spending its time with the ordinances that shape this city."



Sue McCloud

Hazdovac said the new design commission would not turn into an "additional layer" of government if it is answerable directly to the city council, not the planning commission.

It was McCloud, a former planning commissioner, who last year wrote a paper to commissioners urging them to support the idea of a separate design commission.

Candidates Frank Wasko and Carolyn Hardy disagree with that viewpoint.

Wasko explains that most projects include planning and design aspects, and therefore applicants would have to appear before two separate review bodies on two different occasions.

Hardy said a separate commission would put "an unnecessary and costly burden on administrative staff." She believes that a subcommittee of the planning commission "could do the job" of pre-reviewing design applications.

Wasko's solution to the problem of a bogged-down commission isn't to create another reviewing body, but to divest itself of many of its current design responsibilities.



Frank Wasko

The commission, he said, should clarify its zoning and design guidelines and leave design to private imaginations in town. "We have some very talented architects in Carmel," he said. "The city ought to stay very limited in approaching designs in the first place."



Carolyn Hardy

The candidates split along the same lines on the question of whether the Design Traditions Project is a useful undertaking for the city.

Wasko called himself a great believer in the project, led by an out-of-town consultant who is helping the community clarify and update design standards.

Hardy agrees with Wasko that the project could be quite useful in solidifying design standards.

Hazdovac and McCloud are critical of the project, arguing it hasn't yielded anything that wasn't already known.

At a council meeting earlier this month, Hazdovac showed her disapproval of the Design Traditions Project by being the only council member to oppose authorizing a \$3,500 expenditure for the Colorado-based consultant, Noré Winter, to make two unanticipated trips to Carmel later this year.

(The \$3,500 is in addition to the city's current commitment of \$74,000 for the project.)

Hazdovac said local architects, city officials and interested citizens could fashion new design guidelines without outside help.

■ Attend a Carmel Residents Association candidates' forum at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, in Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center.



Paula Hazdovac

TURN LANE

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Albright said its useful life may be only about three years. Albright knows better than to bet on the Hatton Canyon Freeway — which has undergone 40 years of planning — staying on an optimistic time schedule. And those who are fighting to stop the project hope that the extra turn lane, plus an additional climbing lane and other "operational improvements" on Highway 1, will eliminate the need for the freeway altogether.

Caltrans' optimistic goal for the start of freeway construction is Oct. 15, according to Project Manager José Poncé. The projected start date for the extra right turn lane project is August, with completion by early 1999.

Is it worth it?

While Albright said benefits that are short-lived are still worthwhile, Carmel area resident Lois Starnes, a leading freeway supporter, called the second right turn a waste of money. "Why do we have to tear up that intersection twice?" she asked.

Joe Lopez, planning coordinator for the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, said most of the representatives on the 17-member TAMC board support both the freeway and the interim improvement.

He and Albright both sought to allay fears that problems would result from having the two projects under construction at the same time later this year. Some of those fears were expressed at a public meeting held at Carmel's Sunset Center Monday, Feb. 23.

The purpose of the meeting was to take testimony on environmental impacts of the turn lane project.

Carmel's representative to TAMC, Councilman Marshall Hydorn, believes the community is headed toward a two- or three-year nightmare of construction, detours and discouraged tourists.

"It's going to disrupt everything in Carmel, including the tourist trade," said Hydorn, who is in the minority on TAMC in his opposition to the freeway.

Poncé disagrees with that notion, saying that the freeway project will spend its first year and a half hidden away in the canyon — mapping, cutting and filling — mainly away from public view.

The city of Carmel officially opposes the freeway, and is involved in litigation to stop it.

Hydorn criticized Caltrans for moving too slowly in improving Highway 1, which was mandated by county and state transportation officials in 1994.

Funding secure

Meanwhile, Albright said Peninsula residents should not be worried that the considerable damage to roads in the county will eat up any of the money earmarked for the two projects.

The damage estimate for Highway 1 south of Carmel is now \$8 million and counting, according to Val Houdyshell, Caltrans public information officer. In all likelihood, the federal government will pay for at least 80 percent of repairs connected to the federally recognized disaster, she said.

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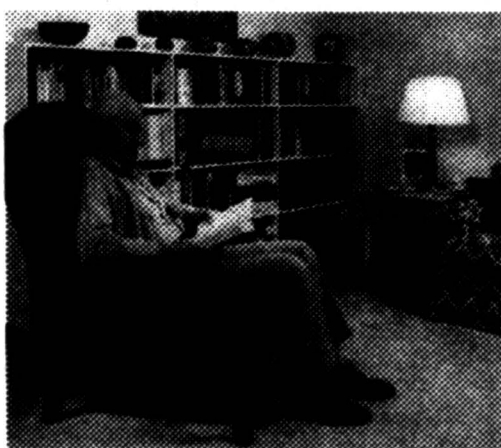
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'Dry' storm damage: city computer bites the dust

By TAMARA GRIPPI

AN UNEXPECTED casualty of the winter storms happened right inside Carmel City Hall safely away from torrents of rain: After suffering through five power outages the city's hard drive finally crashed.

Roughly 1,000 pages including the city's current budget and the general plan were lost when the computers went down.

"The hardware itself was beyond the age of reliability," said Steve McInchak, city information systems manager.

When the hard drive failed Jan. 15, city staff realized that converting the back-up system into usable documents would be no easy task. They discovered that it would be easier and cheaper to use an electronic scanner to convert the printed pages of the budget onto computer disks.

Time is of the essence, since Carmel is just about to begin planning its 1998 budget. The city immediately contracted out the scanning work and the budget has been successfully retrieved. In the next couple of weeks, contractors should finish scanning the hard copies of the general plan. The retrieval will cost the city \$4,000.

"The frustration is we're only a few months away from getting off the old computer system altogether," said Carmel City Administrator Jere Kernsar.

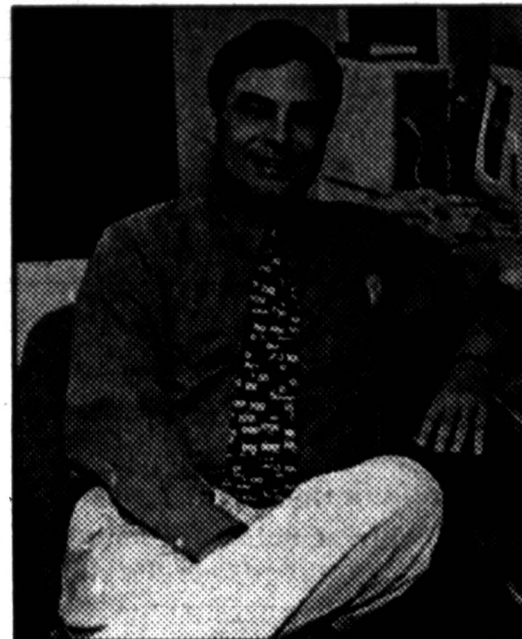
The city is changing its old mainframe system with "dumb" terminals to a new PC system with a server that can be accessed from any of the work stations, according to City Personnel Officer Gerry Pullen.

The city's payroll and personnel files are already up and running on the new system, Pullen said. It also has some key features that should prevent future crashes. These include two hard drives and a digital tape that records the daily work on the computers, McInchak said.

Carmel's new \$50,000 computer system has been badly needed for some time now, McInchak added. Among other snags in the old system is the "Year 2000 Problem." Many computers designed to work in the 1980s and 1990s won't recognize the year 2000 as a valid date.

As a result, any year-based programs could be botched. "City documents for payroll would suddenly be negative numbers," McInchak said.

While Carmel's new system is averting the year 2000 problem entirely, other public agencies such as the IRS and the DMV are still working to fix the glitch before the next century arrives, McInchak said.



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Driving

Carmel station puts a spin on buying economical tires

By KIERSTEN MCCUTCHAN

HERE'S SOMETHING to add to your repertoire of knowledge: tires that are made today are completely different from the ones our forefathers (mothers) drove on. This sounds like a banal statement for sure. But actually tires are a subject fit for contemplation because the durability of tires is mostly what keeps drivers safe on the road.

Tires preceding the now-ubiquitous radial were called bias-ply. The tread, adhesive and fabric that made up bias-ply tires were molded in a crisscross fashion. But this design put pressure on itself by distorting the sidewalls, thus decreasing drivability, brakeability and gas mileage — not to mention producing more friction and heat and, thus, more wear on the tread.

Manufacturers then opted for a new design: the radial. These modern tires are made with fabric and rubber joined in parallel fashion instead of crossing each other. And the steel belts act like a girdle, so the tire supports itself under the tread. There are no distortions and cars get better gas and tire mileage.

The bias-ply tire has essentially disappeared. Antique car owners seeking authenticity sometimes want them, but that's about it.

Tires are a tricky thing to replace. What's the cost? Why doesn't the shop carry the kind the car needs? What's the mark-up? Does the warranty cover punctures, tears, flats and blow-outs?

Are alignment and rotation included in the price? Can I get four that match? And finally, does the car really need new tires?

Tricks of the trade

There are several ways to determine if a tire purchase is in order:

■ Stick a penny in the tread at several places on one tire. If you can see the top of Lincoln's head more than once, the tires is probably worn down to the 2/32 of an

inch federal regulation. When tread is this thin, most failures occur.

■ Or go to a gas station and borrow the tread-depth gauge of the mechanic there. Place it in several spots and average the resulting measurements.

■ Or you may have tires with built-in wear indicators. When the tires are worn a raised vertical line running across the tread will be visible.

Next, try checking around on prices. Many people sing the praises of Sullivan's Tires in the Seaside Auto Plaza. But Dick Lugo's Shell station on San Carlos gave me the best price on tires, alignment, rotation and balance — and with a can't-beat-it warranty.

Also, Lugo was honest with me and told me I still had a ways to go on the tires I had.

He showed me this with a tire gauge. He suggested my tires be rotated and the alignment reset. This was after another tire specialist told me that my tires would need to be replaced immediately.

Lugo said his unbeatable tire prices don't happen all the time. But he stays in the ballpark with other tire shops so a driver never has to worry about paying 'Carmel prices' for tires. And Lugo says he can get any kind of tire needed for any kind of vehicle, not just a generic tire. If it's called for, maybe even the elusive bias-ply, he said.

Customers don't even have to make an appointment. Carmelites can just drop off the car and then run errands around town.

The warranty Lugo offers extends for the life of the tire and covers anything that might happen to it.

Customers can buy their own tires wholesale and get a mechanic to put them on. But, Lugo said, most shops (including his station) won't warranty the tire. Then it's possible to be nickel and dimed for future flats.

Lugo's favorite tire is one that is "quality built, priced reasonably and provides great service." All tires have stickers that provide information on the quality of the tire and all tires must meet federal regulations:

Lugo said the key to having a car ride safely on its tires is to:

■ Always make sure there is proper air pressure. Tires 4 pounds under-inflated of the recommended PSI wear out 25 percent faster.

■ Put the best tires where they belong. Lugo feels that tires with more tread should be in the back.

■ Check the tread often if you think it's getting worn. Try the penny trick if you can't find a tire gauge.

LOST CAT

From page 3A

around homes in Asilomar and near the hotel. They've distributed 75 fliers and checked at the SPCA diligently. They've even taken out a "Missing Kitty" ad in this week's Pine Cone. Don Rogers has spent whole days hanging around Hayward's Lumber yard — which is right next to the hotel — hoping to catch a glimpse of the disappeared Kat.

Why the lumber yard?

"We got a hold of the mail route carrier," Don Rogers said, "and he thought he saw the cat hiding out there. Besides, if I was a house cat and had never been outside before, I would go to a place with easy access. I have a feeling she's in that area somewhere."

The Rogers just wish they could think of something else to do to bring peace of mind to Mrs. Jamie, whom Rogers said is really depressed. "She doesn't even want to talk about it. We fell in love with Mrs. Jamie. We want to help her. What can I tell you? She's a great person; she's a tough lady."

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What to stow in your car during this inhospitable time

By KIERSTEN McCUTCHAN

NOW, PERSONALLY, I am a little more of an aggressive driver in this mud-packed weather and travel to realms that turn most pale.

A passer-by remarked that I looked like an advertisement for a Jeep commercial with mud-splattered 4WD, rain

boots and a lumberjack coat.

"Yeah," I respond, "But you should see what I carry inside the Jeep."

Since I have been toting the following articles, I have not had one moment during storm weather when I said, "Gee, I wish I had ... (fill in the blank)." And believe it or not, I've used each and every thing, multiple times, on this list.

What I carry:

- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Tow cable
- Jumper cables
- Wire cutters
- First aid kit
- Water

- Pet supplies (collars with ID, leashes, couple of days of food)
- Rain gear
- Hiking boots
- Backpack
- Candles and matches
- Suitcase of clothes

KEY CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ON DECK

■ City to hold special forestry meeting — a prelude to changing tree cutting laws

By PAUL WOLF

THOSE CONTROVERSIAL elements of the city's tree policies that have been hotly debated during this month's storms will be the subject of a joint city council-forestry meeting Wednesday, March 18.

The time and place will be confirmed at the regular city council meeting March 3, but is now slated for 6 to 8 p.m. at Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center.

City Forester Gary Kelly is scheduled to make a presentation on current city tree-trimming rules and practices.

With the encouragement of council members at their Feb. 10 meeting, Carmelites will have the chance to propose changing the 10-year-old regulations which require permits for pruning and removing trees on private property.

At present, the city forester has a lot of power to deny citizens the right to cut their trees, with the forest & beach commission and city council hearing appeals. Before 1988, property owners didn't need permission.

At an informal neighborhood meeting on Santa Fe Street on Feb. 20, City Administrator Jere Kersnar said he expects strong advocacy and lively debate. Residents of Santa Fe are among the most outspoken locals who are afraid the aging trees will soon kill someone.

The permit requirements came after the winter storms of 1982-83 when many trees were removed and the city council became alarmed at the loss of the upper canopy urban forest in Carmel.

"Sustaining the mixed forest we have helped define the look of the town," Kersnar told Santa Fe residents.

"Changing the rules is going to happen only after a lot of thought and involvement from the community."

On the other hand, the storms of this month and the toppling of dozens of trees have inspired many property owners to seek greater leeway in taking down or thinning trees. Some have spoken passionately that the aging and diseased pines are potential killers.

Kersnar said it is a given that keeping tall trees standing brings with it a statistical likelihood of at least some trees falling. Also, bigger trees cause much more damage than smaller trees.

The joint meeting is likely to be the first of two or three on this thorny, complex subject, according to Carmel Mayor Ken White, who joined Kersnar and Kelly in talking to the 15 to 20 residents in a Santa Fe home.

The council is unlikely to take action March 18.

Santa Fe neighbors pondered the question of how personal safety and the interests of the forest can be balanced. Millie Goynich said foremost in her mind is the ability of homeowners to remove those trees that cause ongoing stress or anxiety, not trees that clash with construction plans.

Other residents faulted the city for what they called unclear rules or inefficient emergency tree inspections.

Kelly admitted the city should consider putting together a brochure or flyer that spells out the homeowner's rights and options in a storm or emergency setting, when the city forester may have more tree calls than the forestry department can realistically attend to.

■ Carmel Foundation hopes use permits won't be needed for future activities

By TAMARA GRIPPI

WHILE THE Carmel Foundation has received approval to expand activities for seniors into its Dolores St. house, Foundation officials hope the city council next week will change a key part of the planning commission's decision.

At its January 28 meeting, the commission voted to require a use permit before any activities can be scheduled in the Dolores building, which has been used in the past as a rental.

In addition, unlike in the past, a use permit would govern the activities in the Foundation's main building on Lincoln.

The use permit would allow residents a hearing if they believe future uses at either facility would have a negative

impact on the neighborhood.

But Foundation officials worry that the nature of the use permit process will leave them vulnerable to the whims of city planners and citizens.

"It leaves too much room for people to make trivial objections to Foundation activities," said Foundation President Bill Felch.

The Foundation is offering its own alternative approach — a set of "performance standards" designed to control noise, frequency of events and other impacts on the surroundings.

The commission opted for the use permit as a "safeguard" against future changes at the Foundation. The council will hear arguments from both sides on Tuesday, March 3 at 3:30 p.m.

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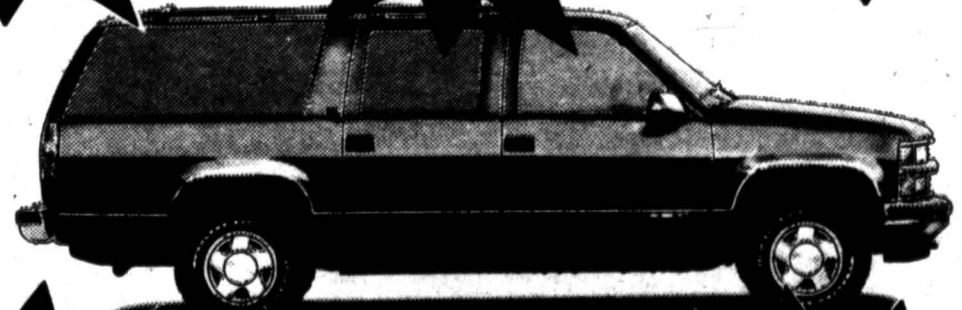
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By BEVERLY BORGMAN

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The young man behind the counter, obviously relieved to have the Valentine's Day crowds behind him, cheerfully filled my order, and asked if I'd like a bag.

"Yes," I said, hopeful of smuggling home my booty unobserved. Unfortunately, the only bag he had was a full-size shopping bag with "See's" splashed across it, a verita-

ble advertisement for unrestricted greed and gluttony.

Now you may wonder why I'd try to sneak my goodies home when the only person who might notice is the very one who gave me the gift. If you have to ask, then you just don't understand the thrill of SECRET sweets.

At any rate, I stashed the huge bag in the trunk of the car and smuggled the candy box into the house under my coat. At dinner that night I self-righteously no-thank-you'd my way through dessert, content — no, DELIRIOUS — with the idea of eating my cherries later in the bathtub.

And that's where I was at 10 p.m., with two of the luscious morsels wrapped delicately in tissue on the edge of my bubble-filled tub. (Yes, TWO! For all my lustful desires, I still maintain some degree of self-control.)

I hope this is suitable for a family newspaper, but as you know, biting into a chocolate-covered cherry requires great care. ANYONE can pop one into the mouth whole, but nibbling takes considerably more skill. Frail human that I am, I couldn't help it that some of the delicious cordial liquid dribbled from my lips, down my chest and into the iridescent bubbles. (See what I mean? It reads like Daniele Steele!)

Dime-store chocolate cherries

Having consummated my secret vice, I realized that what I'd wished for was not exactly what I'd wanted. As a little girl I'd grown up on dime-store chocolate cherries. I was accustomed to small, cheap candy. I LIKED small, cheap candy. I found after all these years that See's cherries (and this is NOT a paid advertisement) are to the dime store variety as Beluga caviar is to a can of Starkist. For one thing, they are BIG! I felt absolutely sated.

I also felt absolutely WIDE AWAKE. At 11:30 I said,

"Bedtime? Why so early? I think I'll stay up and read for awhile."

After poring over the latest issue of "Bon Appetit," uncharacteristically unmoved by the delicious-looking photographs, I decided at 1 a.m. that I really should get to bed. I checked the clock again at 2. Then once more at 3.

When sleep finally came, it was unlike any I've ever had — filled with strange and nightmarish events and people. Had I bitten any of them, I think cherry cordial would have spilled from their veins.

The next morning when I dragged myself out to breakfast and met the beloved's concerned expression, I simply told him that it had been a bad night. I didn't tell him that I'd been on a sugar "high" for about eight hours, and wasn't sure I'd ever come down. How COULD I when I hadn't offered to share my chocolate bounty the night before?

See what I mean about wishing for something you shouldn't have? Now I've got to stop wishing I had beautiful, lustrous hair like Monica Lewinsky.

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BURGLARIES

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get into four galleries including stores in the Barnyard, downtown Carmel, Cannery Row and Del Monte Center, Poitras said.

A witness reportedly saw a man matching Guyot's description near the Kinkade gallery on Dolores St. in Carmel at 4:20 a.m. on the night of the thefts.

Guyot is out on \$5,000 bail and awaiting his preliminary hearing scheduled for March 12.



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By KIRSTIE WILDE

CARMEL PEOPLE sick to death of floods, mudslides and falling trees found that a little freezing temperature is all it takes to turn Mother Nature's nightmare into her wonderland.

Last Saturday's storm brought about two feet of new snow to the ski runs around Lake Tahoe, and Monday the snowflakes danced down all day again, much to the delight of skiers who escaped the rainy mess in Carmel Valley and the village.

The powder was so deep at Northstar that most falls were nicely cushioned, although there was a danger that the skier would sink entirely out of sight.

Kirkwood accumulated 24 feet of snow, and spokesman Kevin Luttrell predicts there will be skiing until the end of May even if they don't get another snowflake.

Driving to the slopes was a challenge last week. Trucks and cars without chains on Highway 80 over Donner Pass were turned back and an avalanche closed Highway 50 with eight feet of snow Monday.

Walkways to condos had to be tunneled through magnificent drifts, and the snow was piled 18 feet tall around the parking lots.

But El Niño nevado also came *con gelado*: Icicles up to 10-feet long at Northstar astonished Carmelites who were warned that a falling shard of that size could be downright painful.



A pint-sized Casey Miller and his shovel were no match for the 8-foot snowdrift on the roof at Northstar. The sign warns of killer condos: 'Stay on pathway. Building subject to snow hazards' — but the avalanche fortunately did not fall.

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Resting Well

Is It Time for A New Mattress?

by Brian Gingerich
Mattress Specialist

Beds wear out so gradually, you may not notice because your body constantly makes small adjustments daily. It takes sleeping in a good bed to recognize the difference. If you ache in the morning and can't stand to stay in bed, it's probably time for a new mattress.

A worn out mattress can seriously undermine efforts to stay in great health. Everything good you do for your body is negated by a bad bed. It's hard to eliminate back problems, aches and pains. Exercise and proper diet can only do so much if your body is resting in a position without the proper support. Breathing and circulation is affected and you do not have the comfort that allows you to fall into a deep sleep.

A mattress, very simply, is a spring unit upholstered with layers of padding. A quality spring should give an average size adult a support life of ten years, yet the padding generally will not last that long and is the first thing to wear out.

Most mattresses feel good when you first lie down on them. What makes the difference months or years later, is the quality of the padding. It should give good support and hold you with even pressure distributed the entire length of your body when you are curled up on your side. Your spine should be held in the same good posture as when you are standing.

When a bed doesn't contour enough, most of your weight is supported on your hips and your shoulders. Pressure on these points is not only uncomfortable but can cut off circulation and cause you to roll from side to side all night. When it contours too much, you sink in and lose good posture, much like sleeping in a hammock.

Put your mattress to the test. Look across your bed for any visible body impressions or sagging. The upholstery material should feel as it did when you first bought the bed. You shouldn't sink through the padding or feel the springs. A well-made mattress of high quality materials will return to its original shape so you won't need to turn it every month to fluff poor quality padding.

A good mattress will mold to your body and hold you in good posture with a feeling that you think is comfortable. You don't have to compromise your idea of comfort. You can find a balance between the firmness of the spring and the thickness of the padding that is just right for you.

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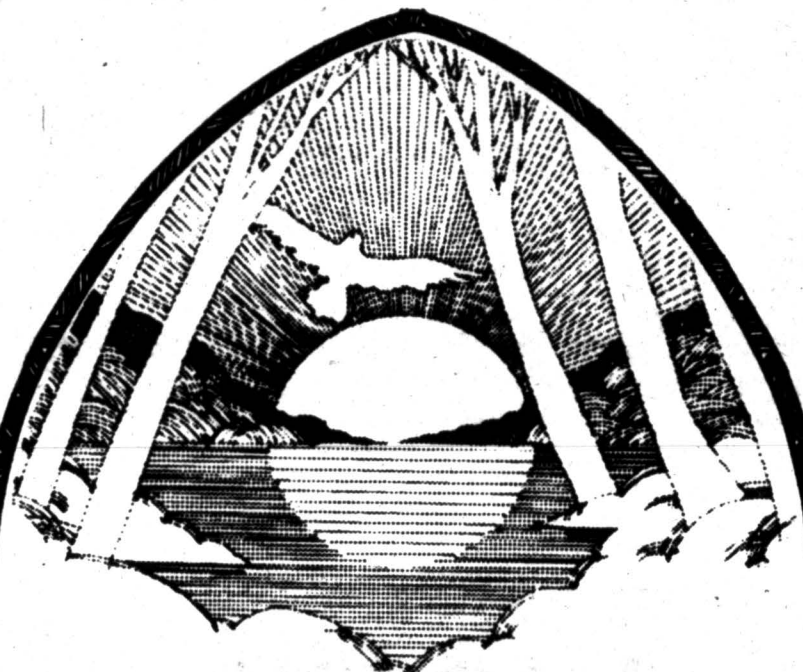
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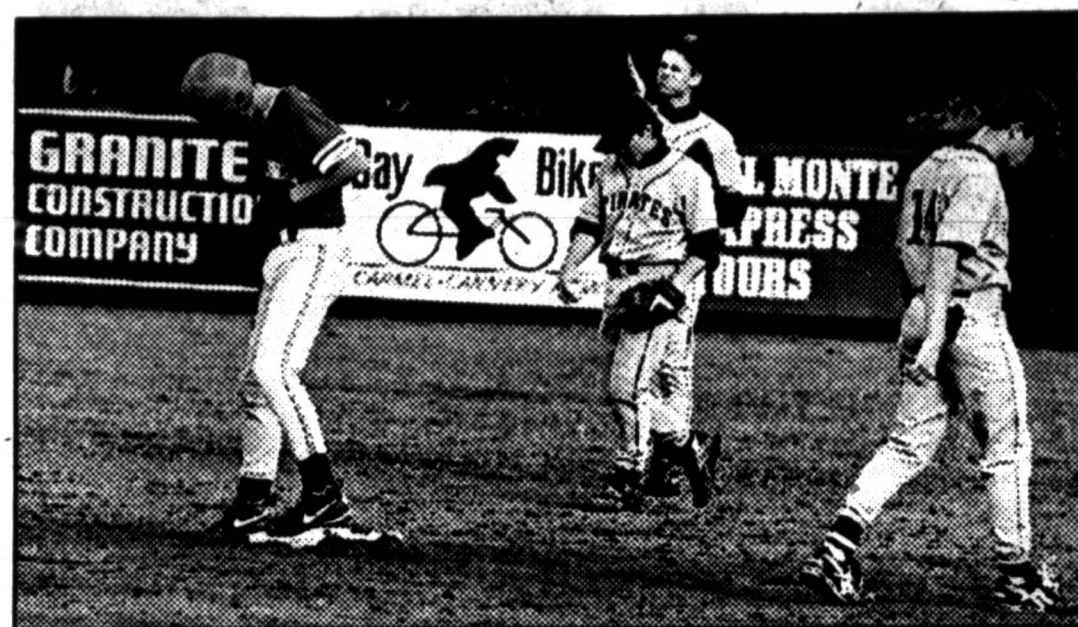
■ **CARMEL HIGH GIRLS SOCCER:** The Carmel High Lady Padres (14-3) were bounced from the opening round of the CCS playoffs when they lost 7-0 to San Lorenzo Valley last Saturday.

Despite the loss, head coach Pat Lenz said the season was still positive. "We're still young and we're slowly working our way up," said Lenz.

According to Lenz, the team may schedule more "tougher" out-of-league opponents next year for better preparation. "We don't see that level of competition until we get to the playoffs."

■ **ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON GIRLS HOOPS:** The MTAL champion RLS girls basketball team (21-6) enters Division IV CCS play as the No. 1 seed and will take on Castilleja High of San Mateo in their first step towards a title tomorrow afternoon in Gilroy.

BOOST FOR BASEBALL



PHOTO/COLE THOMPSON

These signs, at the ball field of Carmel High School, are the kinds of corporate advertisements that Carmel Youth Baseball relies on at Larson Field. The CBA grant is a shot in the arm for the local league.

■ CBA gives \$3,000 grant for new Carmel Youth Baseball scoreboard

By PAUL WOLF

MUSTANG FIELD just outside Carmel will be getting a state-of-

the-art electronic scoreboard, courtesy of the Carmel Business Association, which has given the league a \$3,000 grant.

CBA officials handed the check to Carmel Youth Baseball President Howard Given on Thursday, Feb. 26.

The money will be used to buy a 700-pound scoreboard to put on Mustang Field, one of the venues at Larson Field.

"I can't tell you how wonderful this is," Given said, noting that CYB gets no financial help from the City of Carmel.

Given said the league, which has between 350 and 375 kids (ages 7 to 14) participating, relies on registration and corporate sponsorships for most of its funding.

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The Golden Years

By Myles Williams



Older drivers would like to see changes in auto design. Until now, much design work "is slanted by the way young male engineers see the world," according to Dr. Pat Waller, director of the Transportation Research Institute. But auto makers are beginning to listen to seniors. Among their wishes: larger control knobs, adjustable-height bench seats instead of low bucket seats, wider rear-view mirrors, easy-to-read digital speedometers and audible alerts when turn signals don't shut off.

Eva Zeisel, born in Budapest in 1906, won fame in her 20s as a pottery designer in Germany. Moving to Russia in 1932, she became art director of the china and glass industry, until a Stalin purge put her in prison for 16 months. In New York since 1938, her creativity has flourished, starting with porcelain and earthenware. At 89 her projects include work on two books and designs ranging from ceramic room dividers to filing cabinets and other home-office items that look like home furniture. And she has her own site on the Internet.

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■ **DELORES FARR**, wife of the late Fred Farr, a former state senator, died January 23 at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. She was 62.

During her professional career, Mrs. Farr worked for Tom Schroth at the Congressional Quarterly in Washington D.C. and for Tom Wicker at the New York Times.

A 28-year resident of Carmel, she also served on the board of the Monterey Institute of International Studies.

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S P O R T S

Big Sur Marathon officials plot changes, eye Pebble Beach

By JERRY STEWART

IN THE past, its trademarks have included a rugged, winding road and sweeping Big Sur vistas.

This year, the race may feature new characteristics like golf course views and the shady cypresses and pines of Pebble Beach.

Earlier this week was not too soon for Big Sur Marathon organizers to begin contemplating a new course for the April 26 event as Caltrans officials cast a shadow of doubt on the traditional course's ability to be ready on time.

"We can't make any guarantees that the road will be ready," said Val Houdyshell, public information officer for Caltrans Central Coast District. "I would like to assume that it would be ready by late April. However, that will not be the case if there are more storms that cause more damage."

According to Houdyshell, after the first round of storms, Caltrans officials had estimated that it would take a month to repair Highway 1.

But now that the damage toll keeps

mounting, the completion date for repairs is in serious limbo.

"It's hard to say how long it'll take until we figure out the engineering strategies for repairing those roads," said Houdyshell.

Many parts of the course have been battered, specifically Sobranes Point and, in recent days, Hurricane Point, where at least a full width of a lane fell into the ocean. Hurricane Point is the biggest climb in the race — the "Heartbreak Hill" of the Big Sur Marathon.

Remaining optimistic with the prospect of dire straits, marathon officials have begun discussing alternative plans, according to race director Wally Kastner. The first option is to run from The Crossroads to Bixby Bridge and then back," he said. Two lanes would be used with runners going one way in one lane and returning in the other.

Of all the options, Kastner said that option is the most promising because it won't present any major problems.

"It wouldn't be drastically different from a normal race," said Kastner. "We'd still just have to deal with parking and

moving people down the course."

If that decision is made, Kastner said, the marathon would start at 7 a.m., the 5K at 7:30, and the walks at 9 a.m. — with the walks being initiated by the return of the first runner.

Other possibilities being mentioned include running into Pebble Beach, down Scenic Road and using part of Carmel Valley Road where it is four lanes wide.

"We will adjust to the weather, and when the time comes we'll get a course and run the marathon," said Kastner.

As of this week nearly 2,400 runners had registered for the 26.2-mile run and more than 2,000 walkers were ready to lace

it up in the annual local fund raiser, which earned over \$80,000 for local charities last year.

Ranked as the No. 1 marathon in North America, the event attracts participants from around the globe.

"Hopefully in a few weeks we'll be able to make an informed decision," Kastner said. "I think we have to reach a final decision by April 1 because of all the volunteers involved."

Kastner guaranteed "that it will still be the most beautiful marathon in the world" — even if the scenery is strikingly different to course veterans.



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Editorial

Financial wizards needed

The four candidates for two seats on the Carmel City Council suddenly have a new issue to deal with — one they had probably scarcely thought about when they filed their candidacy papers. Thanks to the big storms that hit town earlier this month, Paula Hazdovac, Frank Wasko, Carolyn Hardy and Sue McCloud all have to be prepared for questions about Carmel's tree ordinance when they face the voters between now and election day on April 14.

But just because trees are the first thing on many people's minds these days shouldn't distract the electorate from weighing the other crucial issues which the next city council will have to confront head-on.

For one thing, leaders will need plenty of financial acumen to sort through the big money problems confronting the city this year.

Carmel's in-town ambulance service is foremost among these. All the candidates will surely agree that the ambulance should continue to be based at the fire station on Sixth. But after last year's special parcel tax to fund the ambulance service failed by a very small margin, money to pay for it will have to come from the city's general fund.

The fire station where the ambulance lives may also require a costly seismic upgrade. And a new fire truck will probably have to be purchased soon.

Millions will also be needed for the renovation of Sunset Center — a building which has scarcely been improved since it was abandoned more than 30 years ago as seismically unsafe for use as a school. Whatever is ultimately done with Sunset Center, the city council will have to pay its share.

This year's storms have only made the city's deferred maintenance problem worse. FEMA money could make repairing some of the storm damage easier. But the city just isn't putting enough money into its maintenance fund to keep up with the town's aging infrastructure. And money will have to be found to upgrade the city's storm drain system to meet new federal run-off standards. (Obviously, an absolute minimum of pollution should be allowed to flow from the city's streets into beloved Carmel Bay and the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary.)

Acquiring additional open space — in Pescadero Canyon, for example — will be costly.

And even before this month's big storms, the city was facing a bill of nearly \$2 million over the next ten years for removal of trees killed by the pitch canker epidemic. Plus another million or so to replace the dead trees.

The city's General Plan needs to be updated. And its Local Coastal Program must be finished this year. The residential Design Traditions project will continue, and a commercial design standards project is on the horizon. All these things cost money.

Carmel spent \$100,000 this year on promotion to help bring tourists to town. The city's businesses deserve that support — especially since so much of the town's tax base flows directly from the cash registers of our tourist-oriented business community.

All this comes at a time when Carmel is facing a serious reduction in revenue due to the storm-related business slowdown now underway. Plus, the city's special 1/2 percent hotel tax will expire on April 1.

Carmel has very few options when it comes to increasing revenue. Selling Flanders Mansion would provide a temporary shot-in-the arm, for example. And selling Rio Park to the Monterey Archdiocese and the Regional Park District would free up a substantial sum for other more-pressing uses while keeping that valuable land as open space.

Paid parking keeps coming up as a way to pay for needed city projects — an idea that doesn't make anybody very happy.

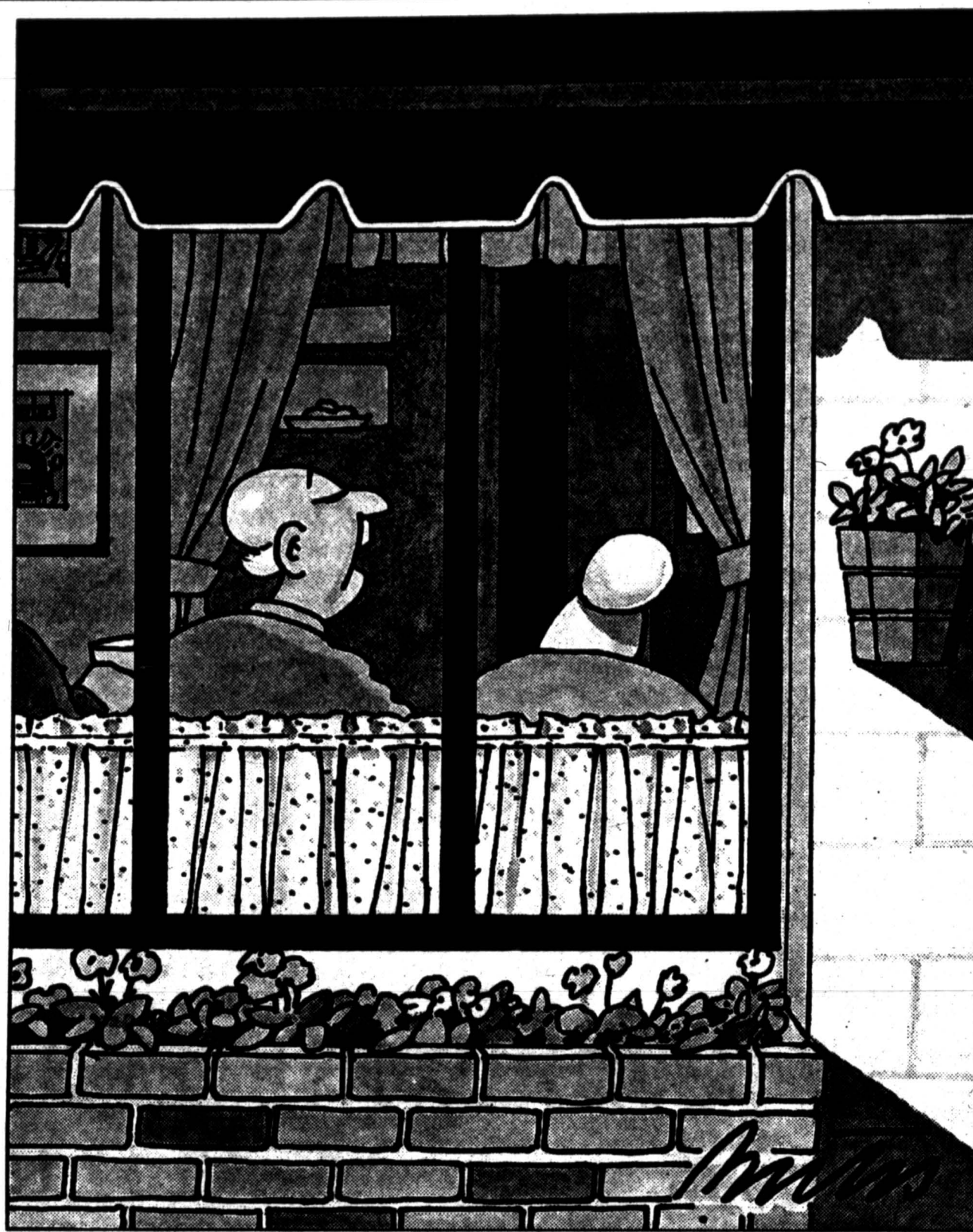
Any new special tax will have to be approved by the voters — something which last year's ambulance vote showed is extremely difficult to achieve.

Obviously, not all of these problems can be solved right away no matter who is elected. But the complexity of the city's current financial situation demands the attention of council members who can tackle it, even while they demonstrate a commitment to preserving the precious cultural and natural heritage that is the essence of Carmel.

These are the qualities voters should look for when deciding whom to vote for on election day.

Publisher's note: A commentary from Carmel Forestry and Beach Commission chairman Karen Ferlito appears on page 7C. In it, Ms. Ferlito responds to some of the questions raised about Carmel's tree policies in the wake of this winter's storms.

BATES



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Airfield plan is win-win-win

Dear Editor:

I am writing you in regard to the Carmel Valley Vintage Airfield which I have been aware of since March of 1995 when I spoke to Mr. Lars de Joune. I am a pilot and have utilized the airfield on and off since 1995.

Traveling around the United States in a small aircraft, I have had the unique opportunity to sample the many and diversified airports and surrounding communities

which are benefiting each other. My findings are that an airport of any size is an asset to an area on many fronts.

The strong comeback of the small aircraft industry since the 1980's decline indicates the direction of the future. A young person often learns or dreams about their future from the experiences they have in their own "back yard." An airport is a "dream machine" and children of all ages play a part when an airport exists.

Another asset of a small airport is disaster relief. In 1995 when I first utilized Carmel Valley Airfield there were relief helicopters utilizing the facility. Should the roads be blocked, as they were in this recent storm event, the airfield is suddenly a lifeline for emergencies and movement in and out of the valley.

I feel that the significant effort Mr. de Joune has put forward in a visionary plan to save the airfield for the future is an example for all of us - to leave something of value for the community and future generations. One thing I have certainly seen in my travels, once an airfield is bulldozed into a housing development it never turns back into an airport for the community to benefit from. Mr. de Joune's plan sustains the airfield and open space for the community to benefit from using funds derived from the few homesites planned for the

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Work for all seasons: Gary Tate reflects on controversy, success of park district

By TAMARA GRIPPI

FOR MOST of Gary Tate's 25-year career as general manager of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, he worked out of a 12-by-12 office. But Tate's heart was always in the spaciousness of the 7,500 acres of Peninsula land he helped preserve.

Tate, who announced his retirement earlier this month, looked back on the highlights of his career: putting together the 4,500 acres of Garland Ranch in Carmel Valley and creating the Monterey Bay recreation trail, a shoreline walking and bicycling trail that runs from Del Monte Forest to Marina.

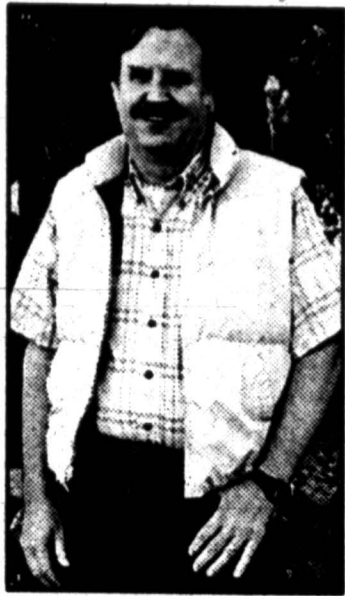
"It's been a great job," Tate said. "I'm very pleased with what we've been able to accomplish — preserving great scenic reserves on the Monterey Peninsula."

Buying the original 541-acre segment for Garland Ranch Park in 1975 was the first deal Tate handled for the district after it was formed by a voter initiative in 1972. Since then, the district has been able to handle just about one project every year.

In acquiring scenic land, the district's main hurdle is funding. Its budget runs about \$1 million a year, which comes from property taxes. However, Tate said, every year state and federal grants have come through to match that money.

"You've got to compensate landowners," Tate said. "Most landowners are willing to sell at a price."

But timing is everything, especially when competing



Gary Tate

with developers. "If you wait until the property is threatened, the developer has higher expectations of what the property is worth," Tate said.

However, in some deals the park district has been able to make its money go a long way, particularly when property owners let go of their land at bargain prices.

Protecting open space is work that has often landed Tate in the center of controversy. But Tate shrugs off criticism as something that just goes with an "aggressive" approach to land acquisition.

"Our agency has never been known to take a back seat and wait for things to happen," he said.

Opposing the Hatton Canyon Freeway and battling Sand City over coastal lands were clashes the parks district really couldn't avoid in order to remain true to its mission, Tate said.

When Tate leaves the park district in June, he hopes to spend some time walking the Peninsula's parkland that he helped preserve. As he proudly points out, nearly all 7,000 acres are open to the public.

But he won't drop out of view. He plans to stay active with the opposition to Hatton Canyon Freeway and other causes he believes are important to the Peninsula. And he hopes that one day the Monterey Bay recreation trail will run all the way from the Salinas River to Point Lobos.

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CARDINALE

From page 1A

owners Rocco and Gasper Cardinale, the commissioners agreed that the new ordinance wouldn't allow the Cardinales to serve more than baked goods and coffee.

"I was kind of mystified (by the decision)," Gasper Cardinale said. "We felt like we fell through the cracks."

Cardinale said that he and his son had no intention of becoming a full-line restaurant with waiters or increased seating. "What you see is what you get," said Rocco Cardinale. "We don't have any room to do anything else."

Several people showed up at the meeting to support the Cardinales' request.

"There's a need for good light food

menu that the cafe offers at a reasonable cost," said Lawrence Dickey.

"These rules are continuing the strangulation of small business in Carmel," Gasper Cardinale said.

The new food ordinance also came into play when another local coffee business — Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Company — applied to open a shop on Ocean.

While approving the new cafe, commissioners were careful to require business owners Dick and Barbara Ely to part from the product line, interior decor and sign of their Carmel Valley operations — a condition that relates to the "formula store" rules of the food ordinance.

The food ordinance was adopted after the city received complaints that the city rules on restaurants were unclear.

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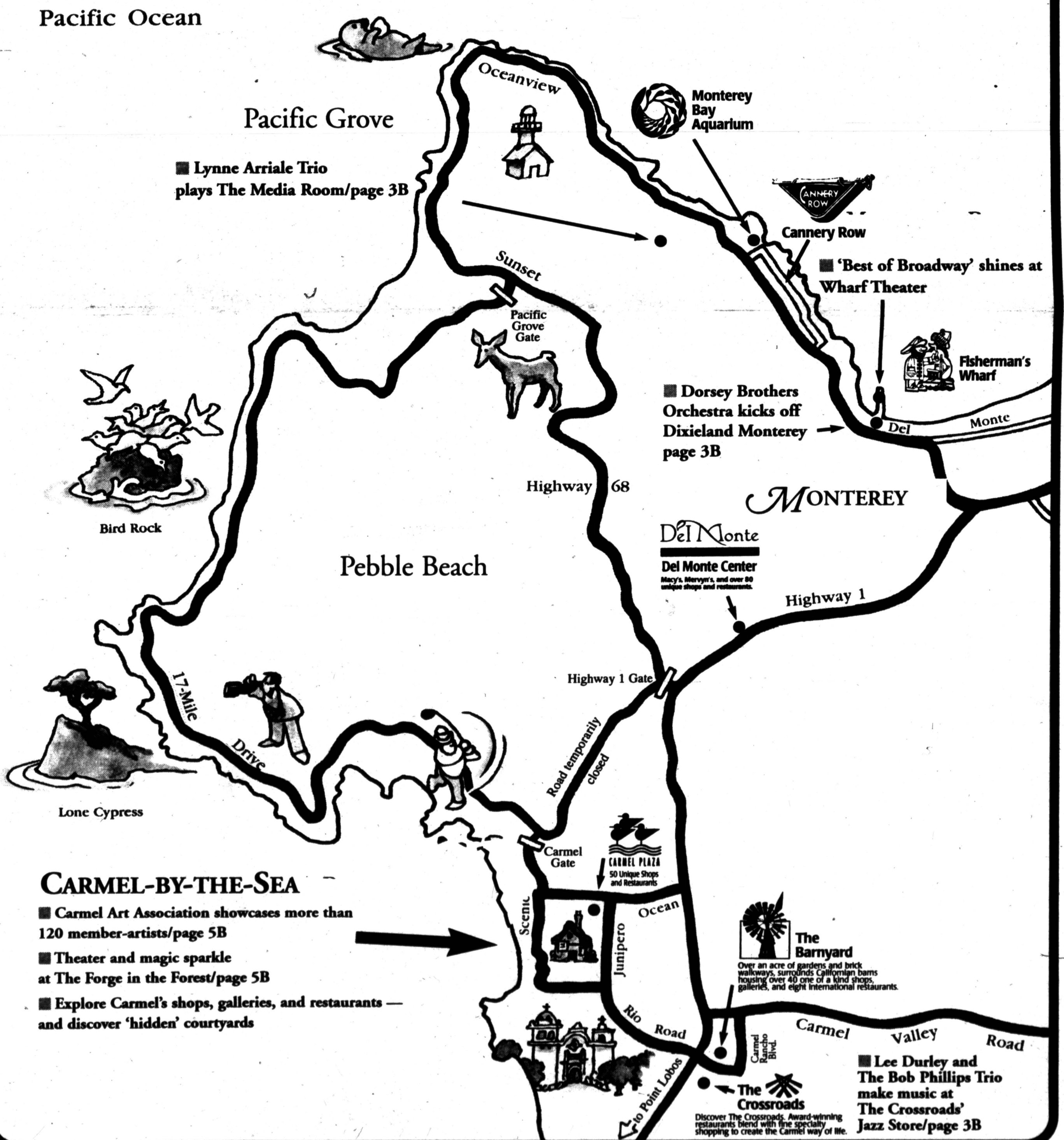
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PINECONE DAYTRIP

BY DAVID DOMENICONI

'HEAVY AT TIMES' - TRAFFIC AND WEATHER UPDATED EVERY WEEK AT THE DAYTRIP.



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DINING OUT

Two fishwives and a turtle

SOUNDS A bit like the title of an Aesop's Fable, but truly, it's about a triumvirate of wonderful eateries conceived and nourished by genial chef/owner/author Julio Ramirez.

Julio's genius is truly what we might call Fusion cuisine, but it's from our side of the Pacific, more accurately, the Caribbean.

Elements of Mexican, South and Central American cuisine co-exist deliciously on his menus, while keeping the prices down. Frills are few and for food professionals this restaurateur has his Ph.D. in portion control. The beauty and balance of his plating has to do with color selection of fresh vegetables and brilliant chili and fruit-based sauces, a happy balance of sweet and hot.

(As I've noted before, there's a marked correlation between the passion for fiery foods and the yearning for a touch of mitigating sweet. Both extremes of taste satisfaction stimulate the body's output of endorphins; those invisible "feel good" elements. See the Dried Sour Cherry Salsa recipe at right.)

Let's examine more closely the two winning elements in the trio's offerings . . . I first encountered tilapia, a snowy, freshwater fish, being farmed in Disney's Epcot Center, so let's use it as our centerpiece . . . "Tilapia Cancun." The plate is first "painted" with a creamy swath of Green Cashew Sauce. The fish filets are floured and quick sautéed and laid over the bed of green sauce. Topped with a spicy headdress of Salsa Brava (see right) the "construction" is ready for accessorizing. Black beans carry a splash of crème fraîche; a green vegetable (most often broccoli flowerets . . . "They're available all year and can be nuked to the proper 'bite'") lends color and flavored rice à la Ramirez complete the composition. What's special about the rice is its light toss with a sliced mushroom duxelle, which lends the grains a delicate earthiness.

Fresh fish is of course the signature of the Fishwives and a heavy favorite in Turtle Bay. The restaurants have their

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own personal fisherman, Tim, who fishes daily on his small boat and rushes the catch to the kitchens.

The taquería's name came from a sea turtle nursery site in the Yucatán peninsula and the decor of the 'Bay' reflects its inspiration. Note the multi-pastel theme and the hand-painted fish chairs!

Julio calls the interchangeable menu, "street food", because of its mobility. (I remember calling it "food with legs" in Mexican Spanish . . . here the term is "eat it and beat it!") Snapper, or any one of the rockfish family, are the generic fish used for the tacos, wraps and bowls at Turtle Bay, and the steaming Lime Soup filled with chicken, tortilla bits, and a bouquet of spices, also reflects the influence of Mexico's Southeast.

Worth mentioning also are the pasta dishes. The uncooked, base pasta itself is delivered daily from Carmel's own Pasta Palate on San Carlos. The customers' favorite is the Prawn Lasagna, a selection, " . . . we must not run out of!" The Sea Garden Salads start with a base of field lettuces and are bolstered by radishes, red onion rings, cherry tomatoes and black olives. Warm grilled fish or other seafood top the green base and two different dressings intermingle, but lightly. Julio also claims inventor's dubs on warm fish on chilled salad, "All my chef friends said it wouldn't be accepted . . . Ha! . . . now everyone's doing it!"

A jewel-toned Key Lime Pie is a signature item as is the Mango Cheesecake, and while the ingredients may be a bit mysterious, the true mystery are the dessert prices, \$2.25-\$2.95. The portions are individual, not the grandiose size that necessitates " . . . and bring four forks!" Just the right finish to appease a naughty palate. Questioning Chef Julio about the dessert prices, his eyes twinkle when the "business" of restaurateuring is mentioned. "We make them in

house, and so we're able to offer reasonably, our customer friends that final taste of sweet."

Back to Aesop, the philosophy or moral of this review is best summed up in Ramirez's own words, "I have to keep 'creating' food . . . making people happy with food." Do what you do best, and he does.

Dried Sour Cherry Salsa

Yield 1 quart

1 1/2 cups diced tomatoes
3/4 cup diced jicama
1/4 cup diced red bell pepper
1/4 cup diced red onion
4 tablespoons sundried sour cherries
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
1/4 habanero chile, minced
2 1/2 tablespoons lime juice
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon salt

Combine the ingredients in a bowl and allow the flavors to marry for a bit before serving. Keep refrigerated. The salsa goes with most everything and is dynamite on salmon!

Salsa Brava

Yield 6 cups

2 medium carrots, julienne
1/2 head white cabbage, shredded
1/2 medium red onion, diced
1/2 each, green and red bell pepper, diced
4 serrano chilies, minced (or fresh Jalapeños to your taste)
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 cup white vinegar
1/2 teaspoon sugar
Combine the vegetables, salt and pepper in a large mixing bowl.

Whisk the sugar and vinegar together and pour over the vegetable mix. Pack into a covered container and refrigerate for at least 8 hours allowing the cabbage to "pickle." The sauce will keep well in the refrigerator for a good week.



Traveling Gourmet

By Lotte Mendelsohn

MUSIC

Do-it-all blues booker takes time to sing

LOCAL JAZZ singer Lee Durley's passion for music is manifested in many ways. As the principal booker for the Monterey Bay Blues Festival, Durley has helped mold the festival into the blockbuster event that it is today. Whether as booker, jazz and blues programmer for local radio station KRML, or as the producer of regular jazz jams, he does it all for the love of the music.



Plugged In

By Stephen L. Vagnini

Still, Durley's passion is most evident when he is singing. Durley, who performs this Saturday at the Jazz Store in Carmel, first started singing in church as a child in Kansas. The son of a musician turned minister, Durley sang in choirs, quartets and carol groups. While attending school at the University of Colorado, he formed a vocal trio, the Contrasts, that performed at lounges in Nevada.

Since moving to the Monterey Peninsula in 1997, Durley has performed regularly at clubs and festivals. In 1994 he performed at the Monterey Jazz Festival singing with the Jan Deneau trio. A regular performer every Saturday night at the Terrace Lounge at the Lodge at Pebble Beach, Durley sings jazz in the style of Nat Cole, Johnny Hartman and Joe Williams. This Saturday Durley performs a special concert at the Jazz Store with the Bob Phillips Trio, comprised of Phillips on piano, bassist Nate Johnson and drummer Jimmy Baum. Music starts at 7:30 and admission is \$20 per person for two sets of music. Call 624-6431 for reservations.

No small footnote: Durley at this point is pleased to announce the following confirmations for this year's Monterey Bay Blues Festival: Robert Cray, The Fabulous Thunderbirds, Little Milton, Joe Louis Walker... a major festival in the works.

Jazz pianist comes to Media Room
The Media Room in Pacific Grove takes it up another notch Friday, Feb. 27 with the appearance of international touring artist Lynne Arriale. The Lynne Arriale Trio, featuring Arriale on piano, bassist John Wiitala and drummer Steve Davis, are performing in support of their latest release, "A Long Road Home." Music starts at 7:30.

A talented jazz pianist, Arriale was the winner of the 1993 International Great American Jazz Piano Competition in Jacksonville, Florida, a competition that helped jump start the careers of Harry Connick Jr., Marcus Roberts and Kenny Drew. The trio has performed extensively throughout Northern America and Europe with recent appearances at the North Sea Festival, the Pori Festival, Hamburg Jazz Festival... as well as concerts in Spain, Portugal, Italy, Norway, Germany and the U.K.

Based in New York City, the group has released four CDs. Says one critic for *Downbeat Magazine*, "Arriale's playing is haunting, gorgeous... a breeze of warm sophistication and accomplished pianism." For reservations call 655-2010.

Portofino Presents Celtic Music
At Carleton Hall in the Monterey Religious Science Church this Saturday, promoter Barbara Murphy presents world-class Celtic music. Anam, which means "soul" in Gaelic, is a foursome out of Edinburgh, Scotland. The quartet, currently in the middle of its debut North American tour, was recently signed to an international recording contract with JVC and is touring in support of its first major record release, "First Footing."

An exuberant Celtic folk pop group, Anam plays a mix of traditional Irish reels and original contemporary compositions. Their flexibility of style allows them to explore the Irish, Scottish

and English traditions while making the music more accessible to a wider audience. The group has just finished a tour of Japan (where their album was first released) and they tour regularly throughout Europe. Comprised of Brian O hEadra on guitar, bodhran and harmonica; Aimee Leonard on vocals and bodhran; Treasa Harkin on button accordion and tin whistle; and Nell Davey on mandolin and bouzouki, Anam's music was featured in the Golden Palm Award-winning film, "Boston Knockout." Says band leader O hEadra (pronounced O' Hara), "We can be classed as a Celtic band, but we are pushing definitions to the limit. We don't restrict ourselves in the kind of music we play; if we like something, we arrange it in a way we like to play. There is a wealth of tradition among us, and we use it to fuel what we do, as opposed to it restricting us." Saturday's concert is at 8 p.m. Admission is \$12 at the door. Call 373-7379 for reservations.

'Womyn's folk music' plays P.G.

The following Friday, March 6, Tucson, Arizona singer/songwriter Jamie Anderson performs her unique "womyn's folk music" at the Pacific Grove Art Center. \$12 at the door.

Two shows at Doc's

At Doc's Nightclub on Cannery Row, two of Monterey's longest-running shows, The Broadway Band and Lovers & Strangers, will play on Friday and Saturday nights respectively. The Broadway Band, featuring soul singer John "Broadway" Tucker, will celebrate its 18th anniversary sometime in April. The group, already booked for its third consecutive appearance at the New Orleans by the Bay Festival at Shoreline Amphitheatre, will make its record 12th appearance at this year's Monterey Bay Blues Festival. The seven-piece blues band has been recording performances at Doc's night club and plans to release a live CD sometime this year.



Lynne Arriale

Lovers & Strangers features the long-running tandem of guitarist Steve Sippel and singer Ray Bertolino. Friends since high school, Sippel and Bertolino have been writing songs together ever since and have been the driving force behind L & S for over a decade. Since adding drummer Chris Costanza and bassist John Miller to the lineup, the modern rock quartet has reclaimed its spot as arguably Monterey's most popular rock band. Music starts at 9:30 p.m. and there is a nominal cover charge.

✓ Dorsey Orchestra plays Thursday

DIXIELAND MONTEREY takes off Thursday evening at the DoubleTree Hotel's DeAnza Ballroom.

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Tickets for the Dorsey Brothers Orchestra performance is a separate admission from the badges that are currently on sale for the three-day festival, set March 6 to 8. As always, the music of Dixieland and the Swing Era will be heard at several downtown Monterey venues, including Fisherman's Wharf at various times throughout the weekend. Information: 443-5260 or (800) DIX-MTRY.

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State Theatre envelops art patrons in 'A State of Love'

WHEN WE spotted two Marines in parade dress standing in front of the State Theatre Feb. 16, we knew something was up! Carmelite **Andrew Spranza** drove up in his Rolls-Royce, and one of the Marines opened the door. Lo and behold, who stepped out but Metropolitan Opera grand diva **Licia Albanese** — she of the three-octave voice. For more than 30 years, Albanese was lead soprano at the Met, singing with the likes of Jan Peerce, Leonard Warren, Rise Stevens and Ezio Pinza.

When she saw the Marines, Albanese rose to the occasion and took their arms, offering a spectacular smile to the crowds who had come to witness the marvelous program staged by the State Theatre Preservation Group.

Entitled "A State of Love," the evening featured **Stan Kann** playing the "Mighty Wurlitzer Organ." Kann also accompanied the screening of a classic Charlie Chaplin comedy, "Easy Street."

A musical revue followed, starring local musicians, singers and dancers, including conductor **Theodore Gargiulo**, choreographer **Barney Hulse**, narrator **Jon Guthrie** and performers **Mary and Greg Gjurich**, **Linda Purdy**, **John Newkirk**, **Janet Butler**, **Jennifer Der Torossian**, **Richard Nickol** and the **Cypressaires**.

Dr. Herb Berman's birthday was celebrated with a sumptuous buffet. Berman is in charge of the **Barnet Segal Charitable Trust**, an important supporter of the Preservation Group.

The State Theatre Preservation Group was formed to restore the State Theatre to its 1926 glory, and to put the building to use again as a community performing arts center. Two more events are slated this year, and if these are as well-executed as this, they will be hits. According to marketing and public relations vice president **Felix H. Bachofner**, now that the city of Monterey has become a sponsor, the Group is moving



Committee members **Gloria Gargiulo** and **Morley Brown** flank State Theatre Preservation Group President **Ron Weitzman** at the 'State of Love' performance.

fast towards obtaining financial means to purchase the theater. What a grand idea!

Carmel Public Library Foundation toasts donors

Can you imagine living without a library? Well, one thing is certain in Carmel — because of the generosity of donors to the Foundation's Sterling Circle — **Dorothy Newton**, **Tom Parks**, **Emily and Paul Woudenberg**, **Lane Craig** and **Leland and Gloria Duke**, the Carmel library system remains strong. Major **General Thomas Kenan** and his wife **Lucette** and the **Ed Hasenyagers** have pledged to the Maybeck Plaque Program, and the Children's Reading Endowment Fund has acquired two new donors in **Luciana and Arthur Young** and the **David Heylers**. All of the above have pledged \$10,000 to library programs.

At the Foundation's Annual Donor Salute on Feb. 16, approximately 200 guests came to laud the donors. We learned



Lee and Janet Keene pose with **Paul Woudenberg** (right) at the Carmel Public Library Foundation Annual Donor Salute at the Harrison Memorial Library. Woudenberg and his wife **Emily**, pledged \$10,000 to the Sterling Circle.

that the Annual Campaign goal was reached and \$91,000 was donated to the library for immediate needs. After **Harrison Memorial Library Director Margaret Pelikan** received the check, Mr. and Mrs. **William F. Mitchell** were announced as the honorary chairs of the 1997 Annual Campaign.

Cultural Council bestows grants in five categories

How refreshing it was to see the movers and shakers of our arts community assembled Feb. 18 at The Inn at Spanish Bay, where the Cultural Council for Monterey County presented its granting ceremony and luncheon. Fifty-two recipients in five categories — literary arts, multi-discipline, music, theater and dance and visual arts, came to the stage to receive grants, handed to them by county supervisors **Edith Johnsen**, **Dave Potter**, **Judy Pennycook** and **Simon Salinas**.

Carmel organizations like **Tor House**, **Carl Cherry Center for the Arts**, **Carmel**

Bach Festival, **Carmel Music Society**, **Carmel Performing Arts Festival**, **Children's Experimental Theatre**, **Dance Kids**, **Forest Theatre Guild**, **Pacific Repertory Theatre** and the **Carmel Art Association**, among others, were recipients.

Jan Wagstaff welcomed everyone and thanked the county for its endeavors. **Kay Lee**, a member of the granting committee, described the three evenings in November when the judges had to consider 63 applications for grants. Most of these requests were honored.



People and Places

By **Dodie Barkley**



Cultural Council for Monterey County judges **George Rodman**, **Kay Lee**, Mistress of Ceremonies **Barbara Schuler**, President **Jan Wagstaff** and Executive Director **David Cloutier** prepare to issue grants during the special luncheon at Spanish Bay.

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The Red and White Ball — 'Carnival '98' comes to Rancho Cañada

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Each year the Red and White Ball to benefit Meals on Wheels becomes greater, and Chair, Patricia Miniaci-Check, was applauded and thanked several times



Hunter Finnell and Pat Miniaci-Check at the Red and White Ball. Finnell brought along a doll that he created in college.

Saturday evening for producing a magnificent benefit. Patrons walked into a Fiesta Room gorgeously decorated by Suzanne Hayes of Floral Elegance in Carnival-like style, with subtle lighting provided by Garrett Gould of Monterey Peninsula Theatrical Lighting. As the evening progressed, they were also treated to spectacular entertainment by the DeFranco Dancers, dressed in glitzy carnival costumes! WOW!

But it is the silent and live auction items that are always a joy to peruse because they are priced for everyone's pocket. These included dinner for two for \$50 to a boat and trailer for \$2,500. I remember bidding on and winning a four-day stay in Colorado last year for a very fair price indeed.

Master of Ceremonies Hunter Finnell dynamically led the live auction to a very successful financial conclusion for Meals on Wheels.

I spied Al and Von Rilling who made the successful bid on the Hawaii trip, Mike and Audrey McCarthy, Judy Higerson and Lucille Huntington dancing to the hot Latin rhythms provided by the Mike Marotta, Jr. Orchestra. Vaya con dios, Meals on Wheels!

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CALENDAR

Friday/27

The Media Room presents Lynne Arriale Trio at 7:30 p.m., 472 Lighthouse, Pacific Grove. 655-2010.

Saturday/28

Monte Carlo Night — The Great Gambol presented by Monterey Museum of Art is from 7 to 11 p.m., 559 Pacific St., Monterey. 372-5477.

Graham Port Jazz Series presents Woody Woodhouse at 7:30 p.m. at the Jazz Store, 236 Crossroads Blvd., Carmel. 624-6432.

Sunday/29

Monterey Museum of Art at La Mirada presents its "First Sunday" concert at 720 Via Mirada, Monterey from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. 372-5477.

Wednesday/4

Monterey Peninsula College Photography Department presents a talk by Cole Weston, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Center in the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art, 550 Calle Principal, Monterey. 646-4071.

Thursday/5

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980111. The following persons are doing business as **INTELLIGENT SOLUTIONS**, 336 El Camino Real, Salinas, CA 93901. KEVIN J. PARISEAULT, 336 El Camino Real South, Salinas, CA 93901. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) Kevin J. Pariseault. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 23, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 21, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 1998. (PC01)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980133. The following persons are doing business as **WORLDWIDE IMAGES**, 11 San Clemente Dr., Carmel Valley, CA 93924. LUBO MICHAÏLOV, 11 San Clemente Dr., Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) Lobo Michaylov. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 20, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 21, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 1998. (PC02)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980122. The following persons are doing business as **HOWARD DISTRIBUTING, INC.**, 259 Young Cir., Marina, CA 93933. STEPHEN E. HOWARD, 259 Young Cir., Marina, CA 93933. This business is conducted by a corporation. (s) Stephen E. Howard. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 20, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 20, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 1998. (PC03)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980121. The following persons are doing business as **MONTEREY BAY REALTY**, 304 Playa Blvd., La Selva Beach, CA 95076. RICHARD ERNEST SEADLER, 65 Pine Hill, Watsonville, CA 95076. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) Richard E. Seadler. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 1994. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 20, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 1998. (PC04)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980146. The following persons are doing business as **HARRISON GALLERY**, 100 Dolores Street, Carmel, CA 93922. SANDRA L. WILLIAMS, 1178 Chaparral Road, CA 93953. FRANCES SEAY, 332 Pheasant Ridge Road, Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. (s) Sandra Williams, Frances Seay. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 22, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 22, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 1998. (PC05)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980174. The following persons are doing business as **THE UPPER CRUST BAKERY**, 107 Crossroads Blvd., Carmel, CA 93923. DAVID DIMIER, 2nd house, NW Santa Fe & 5th, Carmel, CA 93921. ZENDA WILHELMSEN, 2nd house, NW Santa Fe & 5th, Carmel, CA 93921. This business is conducted by a general partnership. (s) David Dimier. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 8, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 27, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 1998. (PC06)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980020. The following persons are doing business as **FATTORIA MUJA**, 144 W. Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924. CHARLOTTE R. MUJA (WASHINGTON), 2657 37th S.W., Seattle, WA 98126. This business is conducted by a corporation. (s) Charlotte Muja. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 5, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 6, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 1998. (PC07)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980091. The following persons are doing business as **OMNITEC INDUSTRIES, S.P.O.**, 565 Paradise Rd., Salinas, CA 93907. DANIEL CLAUDE BOUDREAULT, 565 Paradise Rd., Salinas, CA 93907. DAVE JOHN MARTEL, 435 Ocean View Ave., #C, Santa Cruz, CA 95062. This business is conducted by co-partners. (s) Dave Martel, Daniel Boudreault. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 14, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 14, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 1998. (PC08)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980042. The following persons are doing business as **SCHOOL VISION SOFTWARE**, 38246 Palo Colorado Rd., Carmel, CA 93923. STEVEN JOHN BAN, 38246 Palo Colorado Rd., Carmel, CA 93923. KIMBERLY KRISTINE BAN, 38246 Palo Colorado Rd., Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by husband and wife. (s) Steven John Ban, Kimberly K. Ban. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 8, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 8,

1998. Publication dates: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 1998. (PC09)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980183. The following persons are doing business as **CARMEL VALLEY MANOR**, 8545 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923. NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONGREGATIONAL RETIREMENT HOMES, INC., 8545 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by a corporation. (s) James K. Valentine, Executive Director and Asst. Secretary. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 1963. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 28, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 1998. (PC10)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980134. The following persons are doing business as **IMMERSION SOFTWARE**, 253 San Benancio Rd., Salinas, CA 93908-9185. WILLIAM ROY WILTSCHKO, 253 San Benancio Rd., Salinas, CA 93908-9185. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) William Roy Wiltchko. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 21, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 21, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 1998. (PC11)

SUPERIOR COURT OF MONTEREY COUNTY

In the Matter of the Application of MARIBEL QUIROZ, Petitioner, for Change of Name. Case No. M39524. (C.C.P. Sec. 1277). WHEREAS MARIBEL QUIROZ, petitioner, has filed a petition with the clerk of this court for a decree changing petitioner's name from MARIBEL QUIROZ to CHRISTINA LEON. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above matter appear at the Court of this court, located at 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, California, on 3-6-98, at 9:30 A.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order to show cause be published in CARMEL PINE CONE, a newspaper of general circulation printed in Monterey County, California, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. WILLIAM D. CURTIS JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT. Publication dates: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 1998. (PC12)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

In the Matter of the Application of CRISTIAN RENE MENENDEZ-BARRERA, Petitioner, for Change of Name. Case No. M38971. Amended Order to Show Cause (C.C.P. Sec. 1277). WHEREAS Cristian Rene Menendez-Barrera, petitioner, has filed a petition with the clerk of this court for a decree changing petitioner's name from Cristian Rene Menendez-Barrera to Cristian Rene Menendez-Barrera. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above matter appear in Department A of this court, located at 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, California, on March 6, 1998, at 9:30 A.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order to show cause be published in The Pine Cone, a newspaper of general circulation printed in Monterey County, California, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated Jan. 26, 1998. WILLIAM D. CURTIS JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT. Publication dates: Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 6, 1998. (PC15)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980184. The following persons are doing business as **RESOLUTIONS, P.O.** Box 7013, Carmel, CA 93921. 555 Webster St., Monterey, CA 93940. CECILIA ROGERS, 5th St. & 8th on Terrell, Carmel, CA 93921. DAVID GERKEN, 2 SE of Vista on Dolores, Carmel, CA 93921. This business is conducted by a general partnership. (s) Cecilia Rogers. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 2, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 28, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 6, 1998. (PC017)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980167. The following persons are doing business as **HILLTOP CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**, 606 Dennett Street, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. BRUCE BONFIELD, 606 Dennett Street, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. TRACY BONFIELD, 606 Dennett Street, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. This business is conducted by a husband and wife. (s) Bruce Bonfield. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 26, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 26, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 6, 1998. (PC018)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980110. The following persons are doing business as **CESY 51 BON**, 11935 Henson Court, Marina, CA 93933. P.O. Box 1048, Marina, CA 93933. ALA SADDUK, 711 Henson Court, Marina, CA 93933. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) Ala Sadduk. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 16, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 16, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 6, 1998. (PC019)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980136. The following persons are doing business as **DIAG MARKETING**, 528 Abrego St., #172, Monterey, CA 93940. DINO JOSEPH GIANNETTA, 24255 San Pedro Lane, Carmel, CA 93924. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) Dino J. Giannetta. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 3, 1997. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 21, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 6, 1998. (PC020)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F972443. The following persons are doing business as **HONSTADT RACE RESTORATION**, 555 Charles Ave., Seaside, CA 93955. ROBERT A. HONSTADT, 881 Jewel Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) Robert A. Honstadt. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 23, 1997. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 31, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 6, 1998. (PC022)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980115. The following persons are doing business as **RYA CO.**, 177 Webster St., #A228, Monterey, CA 93940. ROGER THOMAS AVALIER, 60 Boronda Ln., #7, Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) Roger Avalier. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 20, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 6, 1998. (PC023)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980121. The following persons are doing business as **CENTRAL COAST SKIN CARE**, 242 East Romie Lane, Salinas, CA 93901. DONALD RAY KELLOGG, 303 Corral de Tierra, Salinas, CA 93901. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) Donald R. Kellogg. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 1, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 13, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 6, 1998. (PC024)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980218. The following persons are doing business as **PARAPHANILIA, RUG BYRNS**, 372 Calaveras Dr., Salinas, CA 93906. SHAWN JOSEPH MAURICIO, 372 Calaveras Dr., Salinas, CA 93906. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) Shawn Mauricio. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 3, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 3, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 6, 1998. (PC025)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980080. The following persons are doing business as **H SQUARED ENTERPRISES**, 146 Dolphin Circle, Marina, CA 93933. KATRINA HENSLEY, 146 Dolphin Circle, Marina, CA 93933. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) Katrina Hensley. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 13, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 6, 1998. (PC021)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980241. The following persons are doing business as **GRASING'S RESTAURANT**, Mission & 6th, Monterey, CA 93921. THE CARMEL RESTAURANT GROUP, INC., Mission & 6th, Carmel, CA 93921. This business is conducted by a corporation. (s) Kurt Grasing, President. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on February 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 9, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 1998. (PC029)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980180. The following persons are doing business as **NORMA'S FAMILY RESTAURANT**, 17535 Vierra Canyon Road, Salinas, CA 93908. DANIEL CLAUDE BOUDREAULT, 565 Paradise Rd., Salinas, CA 93907. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) Daniel Boudreault. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 28 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 27, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 1998. (PC030)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980190. The following persons are doing business as **KEE SYSTEMS & DESIGN**, 18398 Meadow Ridge Rd., Prunedale, CA 93907. WILLIAM JAMES RICHWOOD, 18398 Meadow Ridge Rd., Prunedale, CA 93907. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) William J. Richwood. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 28, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 1998. (PC031)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980061. The

following persons are doing business as **SCRAPPIN, STAMPIN' & MORE**, 2260 No. Fremont, Monterey, CA 93940. VIRGINIA LOUISE BAKER, 22386 Ortega Dr., Salinas, CA 93908. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) Virginia L. Baker. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on February 15, 1997. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 9, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 1998. (PC032)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980236. The following persons are doing business as **CHEMOLOGY INTERNATIONAL**, 300 Costa del Mar, Marina, CA 93933. HOWARD HOFFER, 300 Costa del Mar, Marina, CA 93933. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) Howard Hoffer. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 5, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 1998. (PC033)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980252. The following persons are doing business as **RAINBOW MARKETING**, 1267 Oceanview Blvd., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. JENNIFER L. VALDEZ, 1267 Oceanview Blvd., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) Jennifer L. Valdez. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on February 10, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 9, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 1998. (PC034)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980095. The following persons are doing business as **CENTRAL COAST SERVICES**, 814 E. Alisal, Salinas, CA 93905. GUADALUPE LEAL, 515 Williams Rd., #3, Salinas, CA 93905. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) Guadalupe Leal. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 28, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 15, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 1998. (PC035)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980231. The following persons are doing business as **NIKE**, 382 Taylor Road, Carmel, CA 93923. BLAKE RICHARD BOKUP, 3232 Taylor Road, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) Blake Bokup. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 5, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on February 5, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 1998. (PC035)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980181. The following persons are doing business as **TOBAY'S CUTS**, 7121 Tarpey Rd., Watsonville, 95076. BEN REESE, 20777 Mountain Drive, San Jose, CA 95120. JOHN MOCKABEE, 3260 S. Bascom Avenue, San Jose, CA 95124. CARLOS CARDOZA, 9410 East View Way, Gilroy, CA 95020. This business is conducted by a general partnership. (s) Ben Reese. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 27 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 27, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 1998. (PC036)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980090. The following persons are doing business as **ISLAND TAN**, 786 Wave St., Monterey, CA 93940. ANGELO LEE, 86 Monsalces, Monterey, CA 93940. GINA SPICER, 86 Monsalces, Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by a joint venture. (s) Angelo Lee, Gina Spicer. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 13 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 14, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 1998. (PC035)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a public hearing in the City Hall Council Chambers, located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, on Wednesday, 11 March 1998. The public hearing will be opened at 4:30 P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

IF YOU CHALLENGE THE NATURE OF THE PROPOSED ACTION IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING ONLY THOSE ISSUES YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE RAISED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE, OR IN WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DELIVERED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION OR THE CITY COUNCIL, AT OR PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

1. DS 97-40/RE 97-37
Richard Moley
NE corner 7th and Carmelo
Block M, Lot 20 & portion of
Lot 18

Consideration of applications for the demolition of an existing

single-family residence and a design study for the construction of a new two-story residence in the R-1 Land Use District.

2. DS 97-38
Al Saroyon
W/S Dolores between
12th and 13th
Block 136, Lot 6

Consideration of an application for a design study for a new two-story residence in the R-1 Land Use District.

3. DS 97-36
Cheryl Heyermann
W/S Dolores between
12th and 13th
Block 136, Lot 5

Consideration of an application for a design study for a new two-story residence in the R-1 Land Use District.

4. DS 98-6/VA 98-1
Robert Reid
S/S 8th between Santa Fe and
Mountain View
Block 101, Lot 3
Consideration of a variance
form the side-yard setback and a
substantial alteration to an existing
single-family residence in the R-1
Land Use District.

(s) Karen Worthington
Planning Commission Secretary
Publication dates: Feb. 27, 1998
(PC039)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980245. The following persons are doing business as **GO DIRECT**, 4110 Crest Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. JOHN HINDE, 4110 Crest Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) John Hinde. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 27, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 9, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1998. (PC040)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980301. The following persons are doing business as **CYPRESS POINT REALTY, CYPRESS REALTY**, 3153 Hacienda Drive, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. MICHAEL L. CANNING, 3153 Hacienda Drive, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) Michael L. Canning. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 17, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1998. (PC041)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980276. The following persons are doing business as **M&M TAG RUG COMPANY**, 11 White Tail Lane, Monterey, CA 93940. MARGARET K. THOMPSON, 11 White Tail Lane, Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) Margaret K. Thompson. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on February 11, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 11, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1998. (PC042)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980322. The following persons are doing business as **GOLF ARTS AND IMPORTS**, Dolores and 6th Avenue, Carmel, CA 93923. SUSAN M. SANTY, 1427 Rialto Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. This business is conducted by a husband and wife. (s) Susan M. Santy. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on February 23, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 18, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1998. (PC043)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980314. The following persons are doing business as **CARMEL PACIFIC FINANCIAL**, 100 Dolores St., Ste. 208, Carmel, CA 93923. MARY CATHERINE CAMERON, 3rd NW on Dolores & 3rd, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) Mary Catherine Cameron. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on February 15, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 17, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1998. (PC044)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F980185. The following persons are doing business as **THE TRIATHLON AT PACIFIC GROVE, SCOTT TINLEY'S DIRTY ADVENTURES, WILDFLOWER TRIATHLONS, WILDFLOWER TRIATHLONS**, 1284 Adobe Lane, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. TRI-CALIFORNIA EVENTS, INC., CAUF, 1284 Adobe Lane, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. This business is conducted by a corporation. (s) Terry Davis, President. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 1, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on January 28, 1998. Publication dates: Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1998. (PC046)

File No. F980303
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) are doing business as: **SALINAS STEAKHOUSE, L.P.**, 1401 North Davis Road, Salinas, CA 93907-1990
Salinas Steakhouse, L.P., 1250 Prospect Street, Suite 305, La Jolla, CA 92037

This business is conducted by a limited partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on February 6, 1998.

SIGNED: SALINAS STEAKHOUSE, L.P., By: Salinas Steakhouse, Inc., General Partner, By: Thomas J. Shannon, Jr., President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on February 17, 1998.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the Office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
First Filing

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(PC045)

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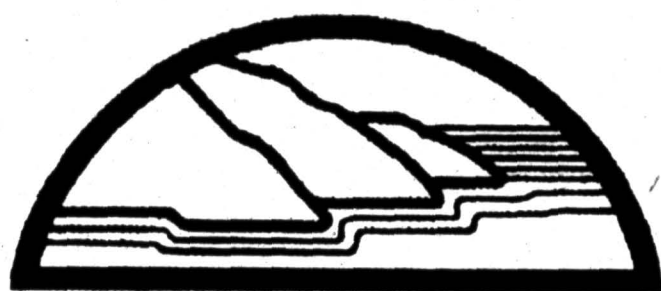
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PFEIFFER OLSON, 6 1/2, a golden retriever-German shepherd mix with the energy of a whirlwind, was named after Julia Pfeiffer State Beach — to commemorate her very first camping trip there at the age of 2 1/2 months — and where she immediately "went wild," according to her Dad, Erik.

Pfeiffer has three great loves, as far as activities are concerned, and all are beach-related: She loves to swim out past the breakers, and she loves to retrieve thrown tennis balls and scavenge logs of driftwood to carry about.

Dad Erik recalls when he was learning to surf off Carmel Beach while Pfeiffer was a pup: Pfeiffer swam out to him as he was waiting to catch a wave, then attempted to climb onto the surfboard. Discouraged from pursuing surfing activities as she matured, Pfeiffer developed a passion for running flat out along the beach and then splashing ecstatically into the briny deep, swimming out a great distance before returning to shore.

Dad Erik and Grandmother Carey both say Pfeiffer's sister/housemate, Indy — a chowchow-golden retriever mix — will be terribly jealous of Pfeiffer's "Sandy Claws" debut when she returns from Siesta Key, Florida, where she is currently vacationing. Dad and Grandmom are trying to decide if they should let Indy in on the news or hush up Pfeiffer's print media coup in order to keep peace in the family.

(Editor's note: Well-meaning friends of the Olson family are requested to refrain from sending clippings to the vacationing Indy).

✓ Poetry, art submissions sought

POETRY AND art are now being accepted by the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts for "Dreams, Art and Archetypes." Artists are encouraged to submit up to four slides related to the articulation and rendering of dreams, personal mythology and the visual language of the psyche. Postmark deadline is March 3 for artist's slides. Entrants must include an entry fee (\$25 for Cherry Foundation non-members and \$20 for members) and self-addressed stamped envelope. The exhibit opens April 4 with a reception for the artists and can be seen through April 24.

Poets are also encouraged to submit poems and short verse related to the theme of dreams and personal and collective mythology. There are no restrictions as to content, style, form or metrical device. All entries must be typed. Poets should also retain a copy of their poem.

Cash awards, books of poetry and certificates of merit will be presented at 2 p.m. April 4. Poetry entries have a March 3 deadline and are limited to three poems of not more than 24 lines per poem. There is a \$7 entry fee per poem. Poems and slides should be sent to the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts, P.O. Box 863, Carmel, CA 93921. For more information, call 624-7491.

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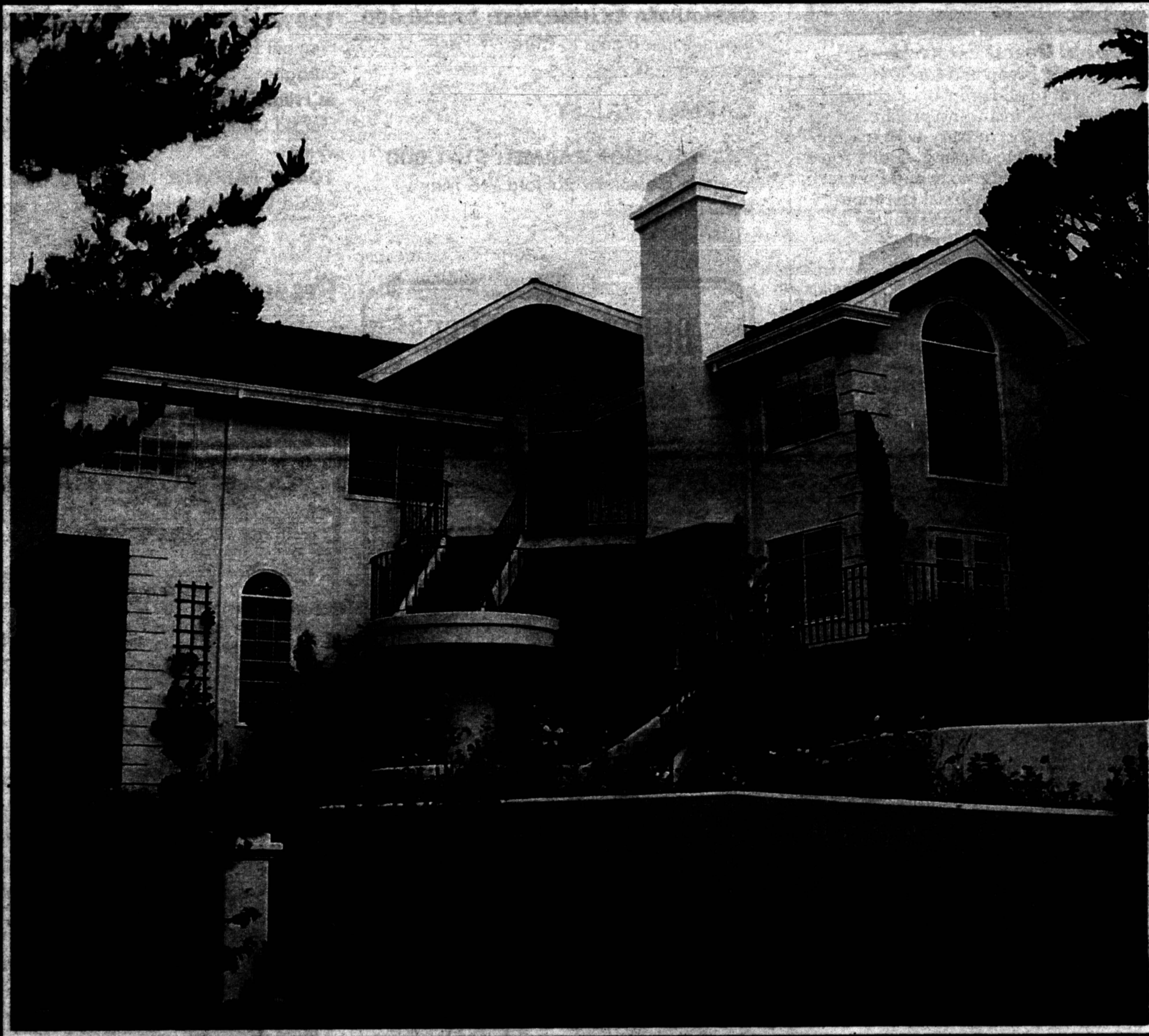
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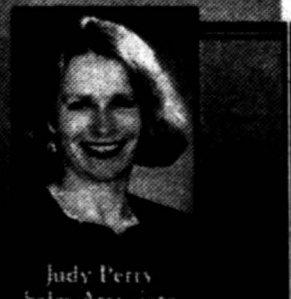
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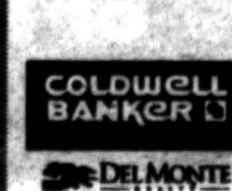
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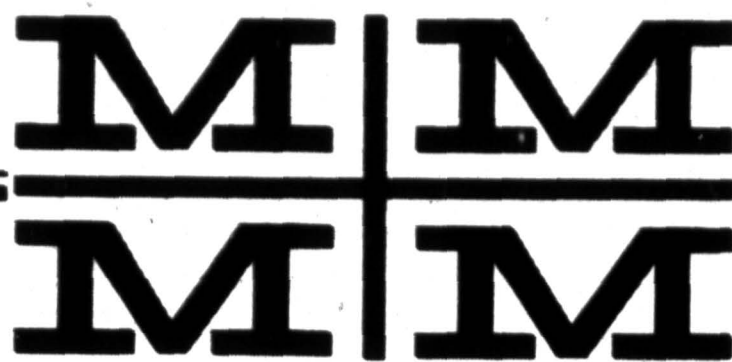
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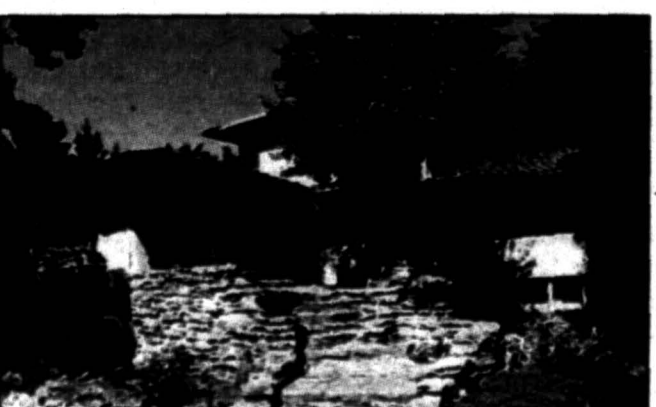
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REAL ESTATE

Most neighborhoods set sales records in astounding 1997

AS READERS of this column know, Carmel enjoyed a record-breaking year in real estate in 1997. Our column of January 23 reviewed the



House Talk

By Paul & Nellie Brocchini

Today we focus exclusively on Carmel — breaking down the market by neighborhood.

We have had lots of calls about our neighborhood designations over the past year. The labels, without a map, have not been clear for most readers.

As a result, we asked Tim Sachak of the Hartmann Design Group to draw a map of Carmel clearly outlining the neighborhoods with their MLS labels. (We have changed one name, "Southwest," to the more lively, "Golden Rectangle.")

The map debuts with this issue of the Pine Cone and makes it easy for readers to figure out where their properties are located.

So read on. This should be fun. Locate your house or dream house on the map and

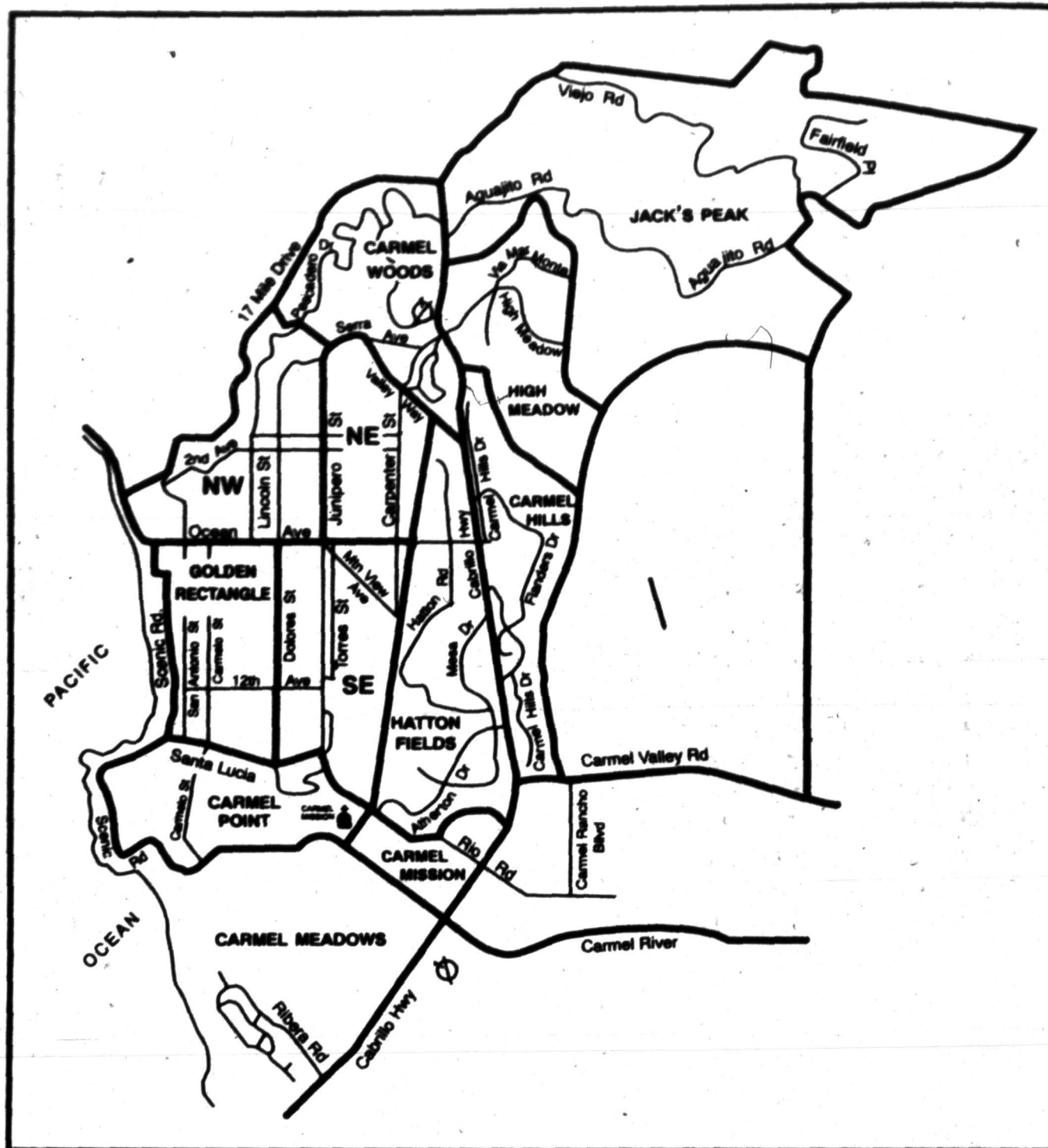
see how your neighborhood has been doing.

Overview

The 4th quarter of 1997 was an amazing end to an astounding year, with 81 sales — compared to 60 in the 4th quarter of 1996. The median sales price was \$580,000 versus \$480,000; there were 13 sales over one million dollars versus seven; there were only 111 properties on the market at the end of the year versus 165. By the end of 1997 inventory was getting thin.

That was just the quarter. Now let's look at the entire year compared to 1996. Last year there were 1,360 sales versus 1,138 the year before — a gain of 222 transactions or 19.5%; the median sales price rose to \$522,500 from \$480,000 — up 8.5%; the average Market Barometer reading (the percentage of listings in escrow) jumped to 26.04% from 16.15%.

Throughout the entire year of 1997 more than 25% of the listings were under contract.



This chart shows the informal neighborhoods which real estate professionals use to analyze sales trends in Carmel. All neighborhoods had record-breaking or near-record-breaking years in 1997 — a year that was probably the strongest ever for real estate sales in the entire Monterey Peninsula.

The Neighborhoods

Let's get to the fun part and break the town down into neighborhoods.

Carmel Point had a dazzling year with 37 sales (15 over one million dollars), while The Golden Rectangle topped the sales charts with 49 transactions (eight over one

million dollars).

Other areas with million-dollar-plus sales were Jack's Peak and Northwest with two and Carmel Meadows, Hatton Fields and Southeast with one each.

All of the neighborhoods reached four-year highs in median sales price with the

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Median Sales Prices 1993 to 1997
By Neighborhood

Neighborhood	1994	1995	1996	1997
Carmel Hills	\$267,500	\$300,000	\$338,675	\$341,250
Carmel Meadows	\$400,000	\$544,350	\$1,205,000	\$635,500
Carmel Mission	\$244,000	\$248,000	\$270,000	\$290,000
Carmel Point	\$642,500	\$729,250	\$655,000	\$870,000
Carmel Woods	\$382,500	\$355,500	\$417,500	\$405,000
Golden Rectangle	\$650,000	\$557,500	\$627,500	\$700,000
Hatton Fields	\$525,000	\$600,000	\$435,000	\$443,000
Jack's Peak	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	\$1,000,000**
Northeast	\$325,000	\$293,000	\$325,000	\$372,500
Northwest	\$468,500	\$425,000	\$492,500	\$560,395
Southeast	\$472,500	\$399,000	\$350,000	\$550,000

*Fewer than three sales during the year. **One unreported sale price

No. of Annual Sales 1994 - 1997
By Neighborhood

Neighborhood	1994	1995	1996	1997
Carmel Hills	6	5	6	8
Carmel Meadows	7	4	4	8
Carmel Mission	4	3	4	8
Carmel Point	18	16	24	37
Carmel Woods	16	18	26	24
Golden Rectangle	35	34	42	49
Hatton Fields	21	11	18	19
Jack's Peak	1	2	2	4
Northeast	35	19	35	36
Northwest	26	16	30	42
Southeast	30	27	22	35
Totals	199	155	213	270

sales over a million dollars (all of those were beach-front on Ribera Road) which pumped up the median for that year. Hatton Fields has sagged only because there has been a dearth of high-price properties listed.

The "No. of Annual Sales Chart" shows how strong 1997 was in volume. The dip in 1995 is also painfully obvious. That was a miserable selling season for the first three quarters. The year was saved by the fourth quarter boom which has continued to the present. All of the neighborhoods hit peak four-year

exception of Carmel Meadows and Hatton Fields.

(Jack's Peak does not have enough activity to calculate median prices.)

Carmel Meadows had an extraordinary 1996 with three of its four

volume in 1997 except Carmel Woods which registered two fewer sales than in 1996 and Hatton Fields whose four year high was in 1994.

Carmel Mission is made up mostly of Mission Fields. Ten of the 11 sales in 1997 were in Mission Fields, an excellent come back from the depression of the flood year of 1995. Price recovered too with a median sales price of \$290,000, a record breaking high price of \$370,000 and another sale at \$350,000. So far in this water-laden winter the levees have done their job, and there has not been a repeat of the 1995 floods. If Mission Fields gets through this winter unscathed, the future value of its properties should be assured.

As of this writing, February 18, the inventory is still tight. There are only 115 properties on the market, 29 of which are in escrow leaving only 86 available for buyers to consider. The year-end trend of low inventory and more than 25% of the listings in escrow continues.

It is unlikely that we can match 1997 volume in 1998 as there just is not enough inventory.

The fascinating issue is price. Keep your eye on it.

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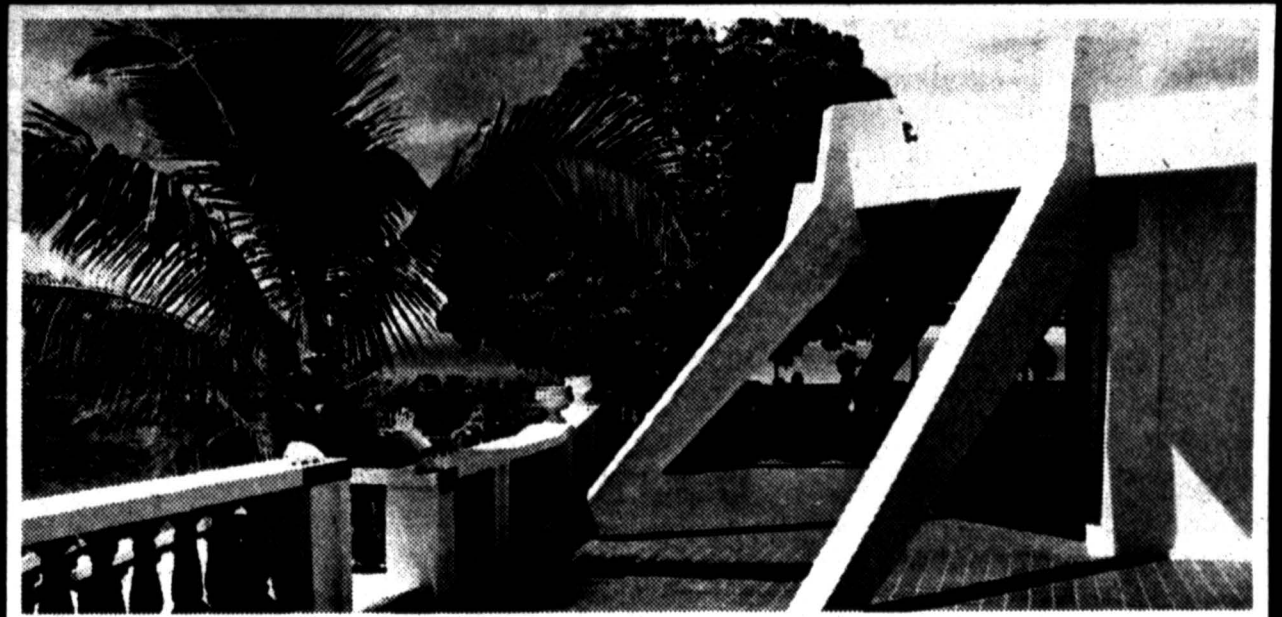
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REAL ESTATE

Homeowners surprised at high cost of fallen trees

By PAUL WOLF

YOUR HOMEOWNERS' insurance typically won't cover this particular cost.

And the city won't pay for it either, although there is a case to be made that it should.

And even if you did make a case of it in court, you could spend far more for your attorney than you'd ever get back in your battle against the city.

The issue here is the tough spot property owners are put in when they are required to pay for the expense of cleaning up the city street after their tree falls in the public right-of-way.

When that happens the city — which either clears the mess itself or contracts out the job — sends the homeowner the bill.

Typically, according to state insurance law, the owner of the property where a tree lands is responsible for clean-up costs. Unless you can show that your neighbor was negligent — that he ignored an obviously-dangerous tree, for example — damage caused when your neighbor's tree lands in your yard or on your house is yours to repair, insurance professionals told The Pine Cone this week. The same thing is true if a city-owned tree lands on your house.

Many property owners feel the same principle should apply when a tree lands on public property. In short, the city should pay to clean up these "Acts of God."

Carmel City Attorney Don Freeman said he does not recall the city ever being challenged on the issue in his 14-year tenure and he asks, "should the taxpayers be asked to pay the bill when it is your tree?" He says no — but admits that position is based on longstanding city practices, not a legal mandate.

City's responsibility

Insurance professionals maintain that the city is responsible for the mess that occurs when your tree falls on a city street and should pay for it.

"You are not legally liable if your tree was a healthy tree and it fell from an Act of God without any negligence on your part," said Rob Jobe, property claims manager for Allstate. "I wonder how the city can enforce this (billing practice)."

The prospect of being billed has angered some residents of Santa Fe Street, who have seen trees come down onto the pavement during recent storm and believe the city's restrictive policies about pruning

removing trees are more to blame for the mess than they are.

cleanup.

Whehe said he would advise State Farm clients not to

When a private tree falls on a street the city takes responsibility for immediately clearing the roadway as a public health and safety matter, as well as to permit the flow of traffic, according to City Forester Gary Kelly.

But it is the property owner who is then billed — with the cost for the removal of a mature tree ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000, depending on the difficulty of the task, according to Mary Chapman, office manager for the private Urban Lumberjacks.

Chapman agreed with the premise of industry professionals that, "technically," according to state law, the removal of private tree's is the city's responsibility.

Crucial distinction

According to Kenneth Adams, spokesman for the Western Insurance Information Service, some cities, Carmel among them, apparently distinguish between the responsibility for tree removal and the "financial responsibility" of actually doing the work.

Freeman said this is not a double standard because the city assumes responsibility for clean up when parkland trees fall onto private property.

Jobe and others, however, do see a double standard. After all, private property owners must pay the bill for the removal of trees on their own property when a neighbor's tree falls over the line. Shouldn't the city have to pay for clearing the debris that originates on private property?

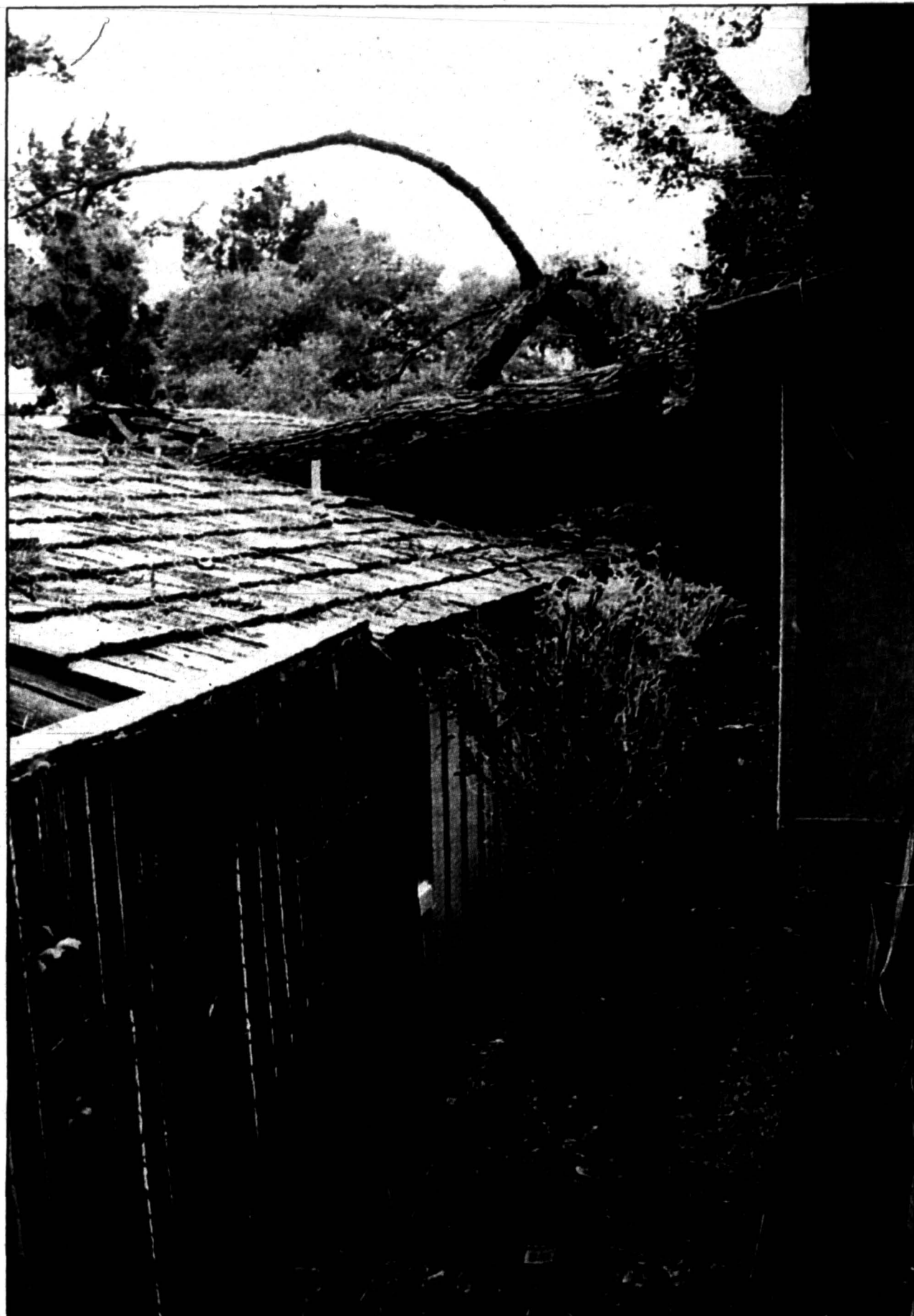
"I don't know why the city wouldn't be held to the same standard as other property owners," Jobe commented.

"I could see it becoming an insurance matter if the city accused the property owner of negligence," said Bill Wehde, one of two state Farm Agents working in Carmel.

"I am not at all happy with this state of affairs," said Santa Fe Street property owner Claire Davison, who is expecting a bill from the city for two large pines that fell from her property on to Santa Fe.

Added frustration

Adding to Davison's frustration is the fact that she's been informed by her insurance company that it won't cover the cost of



PHOTO/PAUL WOLF

Many homeowners are learning for the first time this winter who gets handed the bill when a tree falls. In this case, the owner of the home split in two by a giant pine would probably have to pay for his own repairs—even if the tree belonged to someone else. But if your tree falls across a city street, Carmel will bill you for the clean up.



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Generally speaking, insurance companies will cover the cost of tree damage to structures on the policyholder's property. But not the cost of a private tree falling down either on or other the property.

Santa Fe resident Phillip Sosna said he finds it ironic — and inconsistent — that the city allows people to walk away with pieces of wood from fallen trees that have landed on a public street. But, simultaneously, the wood is considered private property when it comes to who must pay for its hauling.

Commenting on the predicament of property owners who are discouraged from removing trees but have to pay when they fall, Sosna said, "When people act together, they have power, but when they are just individuals, they are stuck."

Forestry and Beach chairman answers tree critics

Publisher's note: This commentary was written by Karen Ferlito, chairman of the Carmel-by-the-Sea Forestry and Beach Commission, in response to recent stories and editorials in The Pine Cone about the large number of trees which fell during this winter's storms. Ms. Ferlito is also a member of the Statewide Pitch Canker Task Force.

Dear Resident:

There has been much written the past few days about trees and tree ordinances in Carmel. I would like to provide some factu-al information to residents regarding trees. One needs to deal with fact and not exaggeration and hysteria when making decisions that may have far-reaching and disastrous consequences. The old adage "measure twice and cut once" seems appropriate.

During the week of Feb. 2 to Feb. 8 thirty-nine public trees failed. Eleven of these trees fell to the ground and the remaining 24 were "intercepted" by Forestry staff and tree contractors hired by the city and were either limbed/topped or removed, thus abating the hazard. Four vehicles, one carport and one roof were damaged by public trees. The total number of tree failures (39) is equal to .003 of the total trees growing on public property. There were 51 limb failures reported from public trees. Twenty private trees were reported down. Thousands of public and private trees survived the storm virtually intact despite the heavy winds.

It has been stated that many of these trees were already weakened by pitch canker and that may have contributed to their failure. It is unknown how many of these trees that failed were actually infected with pitch canker. It is difficult to diagnose. Some of them were not even Monterey pine trees. However, even if they were infected, pitch canker does not weaken a tree structurally. It does make the tree more attractive to other insects that may invade the tree. Please do not fear that pitch canker stricken trees are somehow inherently weak and thus ready to fall down because of the disease. The Statewide Pitch Canker Task force made up of scientists, foresters, forest managers, etc., recommends removal only when the complete top of the tree is dead or it otherwise becomes a hazard.

It has been stated that 85% of the

Monterey pine trees will get pitch canker and die. 85% of the pines trees may (as opposed to will) be infected by pitch canker. This is the scientists' best estimate at this time. No one knows for sure how many of these trees will actually die as a result. If you are concerned about the health of your trees call a certified arborist for an opinion. Just as you have preventative medical checkups to assure continued good health, your trees need to be checked and maintained on a regular basis also.

It is not advised to attempt to prune out pitch canker. It has not proven to have positive results and is very costly. Of course, it is prudent to remove any large dead limbs. If all trees infected by pitch canker were prophylactically removed the gene pool would be greatly decreased. Since we cannot tell which trees will actually die and which ones will tolerate the disease this could be a negative action as the pitch canker tolerant trees may possess valuable genetic material to resist future challenges of other diseases. Some trees may actually tolerate the disease and live as valuable components of the forest for many years.

While fire may be a valuable management tool in the native and wild forest (and even this is debatable) it is unlikely to be used in urban situations. It has been suggested that the very tall and mature pines in our urban forest would have burned had man not suppressed fires. According to the Jones and Stokes Monterey Pine Forest Conservation Strategy Report prepared for the California Department of Fish and Game in 1996, "unlike most of the close-coned pines and cypresses, which are of short stature and have limbs near the ground, large Monterey pine trees with their lowest limbs well above the ground are often able to survive ground fires." Ground fires produce uneven-aged stands, whereas crown fires usually result in large, even-aged forests.

It has also been suggested that we need to replant to have a healthy uneven-aged forest. This is very true and vitally necessary. However, the grim fact is less than 20% of the replacement trees required over the past several years in Carmel are actually in place today. Private owners are not keeping their agreements to replant and maintain these trees and there is little recourse at this time to get them to comply. Thus, we have a net loss to the forest each

time we remove trees. Additionally, at this time there is no "resistant" stock available. Forestry staff is working on this along with Dr. Tom Gordon of U.C. Davis and hope to have resistant trees within the next two years. Money will need to be budgeted to provide for planting and maintaining new trees on public property. Citizens will be encouraged to plant on private property as well. In addition there must be improved compliance with the requirement to replant when trees are removed.

Trees are not wooden poles merely stuck into the earth. They have extensive root systems that are easily damaged by careless construction, scrape-the-earth landscaping practices and, interestingly, over-watering. Damage to the root systems can result in dying and weak trees. Over-watering can cause excessive crown growth in pines making trees more susceptible to wind throw and in the case of oaks it contributes to oak root fungus and premature death. Planting and irrigating under trees and within the drip line can be perilous to the health of trees. We must do more to assure protection of the root systems of trees during construction. Furthermore, there is

more asphalt on city streets and less available space around the new, larger houses than years ago. It is unlikely that we would ever be able to replace our downtown trees due to increased pavement, poor soil conditions and lack of water to promote extensive and strong root systems.

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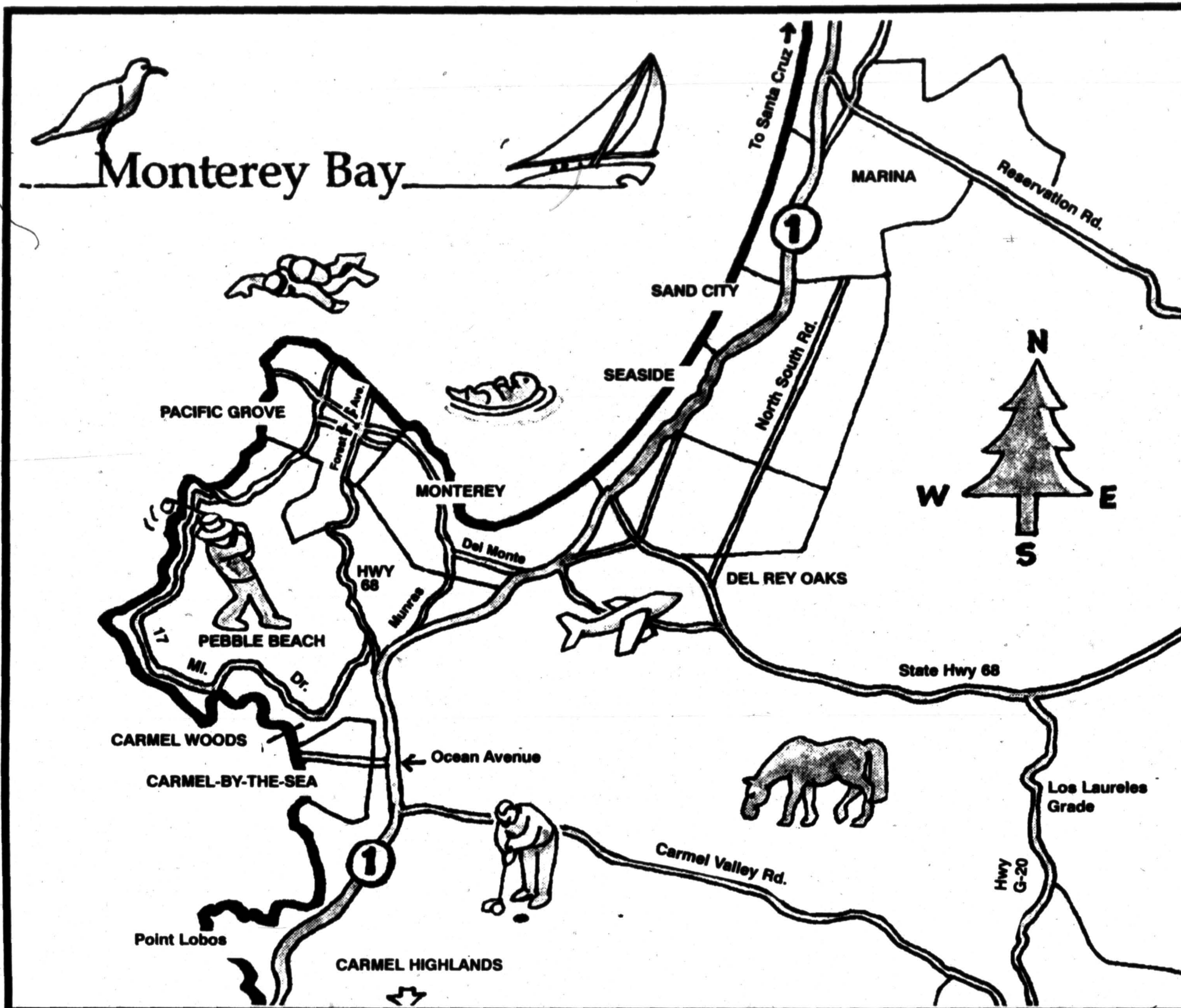
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\$255,000	2 bd 2 ba	Sa 2-4
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Carmel Realty		624-6482
\$339,000	3 bd 2 ba	Sa, Su 1-4
3524 Fisher Place	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		625-3300
\$349,500	3 bd 2.5 ba	Sa, Su 1-4
3597 Oliver Road	Carmel	
Re/Max Monterey Peninsula		626-4943
\$375,000	3 bd 2 ba	Sa 2-4
24520 Outlook Drive #29	Carmel	
Mitchell Group		624-0136
\$375,000	2 bd 2 ba	Su 1-4
#93 High Meadow Lane	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
\$425,000	2 bd 1.5 ba	Su 3-5:30
26016 Atherton	Carmel	
Re/Max Monterey Peninsula		626-4972
\$459,000	2 bd 1.5 ba	Su 12-2
3SW Junipero/10th Street	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		624-1200
\$470,000	2 bd 2 ba	Sa, Su 2-4
Mission Street/2 NE 10th	Carmel	
Re/Max Monterey Peninsula		626-4932
\$482,000	3 bd 2 ba	Su 1:30-3:30
24765 Lower Trail	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2221
\$509,000	2 bd 1 ba	Sa 1-3
Lincoln 3 SW of 11th	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2223
\$549,000	2 bd 2 ba	Su 12-2
2 NE 3rd/Lincoln	Carmel	
Mitchell Group		624-0136
\$549,000	2 bd 2 ba	Su 2-4
2 NE 3rd/Lincoln	Carmel	
Mitchell Group		624-0136
\$549,000	2 bd 2 ba	Su 1-4
2 NE 3rd/Lincoln	Carmel	
Mitchell Group		624-0136
\$579,000	3 bd 2.5 ba	Sa, Su 1-4
2 NW of 2nd on Torres	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
\$579,000	3 bd 2.5 ba	Su 1-3
24390 San Luis	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2221
\$599,000	3 bd 2.5 ba	Sa 1-4
3055 Ribera Road	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
\$639,000	3 bd 2 ba	Su 1-3
26050 Mesa Drive	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2221
\$649,000	2 bd 2 ba	Su 1-4
24393 Portola Avenue	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
\$765,000	3 bd 3 ba	Sa, Su 1-3:30
2981 Franciscan Way	Carmel	
Carmel Realty		624-6482
\$769,000	3 bd 3 ba	Su 1-4
2 SE of Carmelo on Ocean	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
\$769,000	3 bd 3 ba	Sa 1:30-4:30
2 SE of Carmelo on Ocean	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
\$839,000	3 bd 2.5 ba	Sa 1-4
24000 Fairfield	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
\$879,000	3 bd 3.5 ba	Su 1:30-3:30
24395 San Luis	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		625-3300
\$879,000	3 bd 3.5 ba	Sa 1-3
24395 San Luis	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		625-3300
\$929,000	5 bd 4 ba	Sa 1-3
2 NE Torres/9th Street	Carmel	
Mitchell Group		624-0136
\$989,000	3 bd 2 ba	Sa 11-4
Carmelo & 8th NE Corner	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
\$989,000	3 bd 2 ba	Su 1-4
Carmelo & 8th NE Corner	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
\$1,195,000	3 bd 2.5 ba	Sa, Su 2-4
2 SE Monte Verde/13th Street	Carmel	
Mitchell Group		624-0136
\$1,200,000	3 bd 3 ba	Sa, Su 2-4
2417 San Antonio	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2223

CARMEL VALLEY

\$750,000	4 bd 3.5 ba	Su 1-4
27537 Mooncrest Drive	Carmel Valley	
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040



\$89,000	225000	Su 2-4
Hacienda Carmel	Carmel Valley	
Fouratt-Simmons		624-3829
\$110,000	1 bd 1 ba	Su 1-4
41 Hacienda Carmel	Carmel Valley	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		625-3300
\$429,000	3 bd 2 ba	Su 2-4
25620 Via Crotalo	Carmel Valley	
Mitchell Group		624-0136
\$496,000	3 bd 2 ba	Su 1-3
25319 Arriba Del Mundo	Carmel Valley	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		625-3300
\$599,000	3 bd 2.5 ba	Su 2-4
25430 Loma Robles	Carmel Valley	
Watson Realty		625-5171
\$599,000	4 bd 3.5 ba	Sa 2-4
22 Marquard Road	Carmel Valley	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		625-3300
\$695,000	3 bd 2 ba	Sa, Su 1-4
10142 Oakwood Circle	Carmel Valley	
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
\$795,000	3 bd 2.5 ba	Sa 2-4
931 A W, Carmel Valley Rd.	Carmel Valley	
Mitchell Group		624-0136
\$795,000	3 bd 2 ba	Sa 1-4
10 Sleepy Hollow	Carmel Valley	
Burchell House Properties		624-6461
\$1,235,000	4 bd 3.5 ba	Su 2:30-4:30
27181 Prado del Sol	Carmel Valley	
Mitchell Group		624-0136
\$1,399,000	4 bd 3 ba	Sa, Su 1-4
7 Sleepy Hollow	Carmel Valley	
Burchell House Properties		624-6461

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\$459,000	3 bd 2.5 ba	Sa 1-4
9 Sonoma Lane	Carmel Highland	
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MONTEREY

\$289,500	1 bd 1.5 ba	Su 2-4
442 Casanova Avenue	Monterey	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		624-1200
\$355,000	2 bd 2.5 ba	Su 1-4
#9 Mountain Shadows Lane	Monterey	
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\$1,295,000	4 bd 4 ba	Su 1-4
11971 Saddle Road	Monterey	
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040

PEBBLE BEACH

\$252,900	2 bd 2 ba	Su 1-4
83 Spindrift	Pebble Beach	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		625-3300
\$399,000	3 bd 2 ba	Sa 2-4
4175 Sunset Lane	Pebble Beach	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		625-3300
\$755,000	3 bd 2 ba	Su 2-4
1445 Oleada Road	Pebble Beach	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2223
\$824,500	4 bd 3 ba	Su 1-3
1078 Marcetta Lane	Pebble Beach	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		625-3300
\$1,690,000	4 bd 4 ba	Su 2-4
#74 Spanish Bay Circle	Pebble Beach	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2223
\$1,749,500		Su 11-1
#71 Spanish Bay Circle	Pebble Beach	
Del Monte Realty		626-2225
\$1,749,500		Sa 2-4
#71 Spanish Bay Circle	Pebble Beach	
Del Monte Realty		626-2225

PACIFIC GROVE

\$269,000	3 bd 1 ba	Sa 10-12
235 Willow	Pacific Grove	
Re/Max Monterey Peninsula		626-4972
\$325,000	3 bd 2 ba	Su 1-3
810 Pine Avenue	Pacific Grove	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		648-3000
\$395,000	3 bd 3 ba	Sa, Su 1-3
931 Petra Lane	Pacific Grove	
Re/Max Monterey Peninsula		626-4939
\$465,000	2 bd 2 ba	Sa, Su 2-4
308 Monterey	Pacific Grove	
Del Monte Realty		626-2222
\$795,000	4 bd 3.5 ba	Sa 1:30-3:30
1033 Bayview	Pacific Grove	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		648-3000
\$279,500	2 bd 1.5 ba	Sa 1-4
216 Carmel Avenue	Pacific Grove	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		625-3300

MTY/SALINAS HWY

\$229,000	3 bd 2 ba	Su 1:30-3:30
21123 Old Ranch Court	Mtry/Sins Hwy	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		648-3000
\$329,500	4 bd 2.5 ba	Su 1-4
22654 Oak Canyon Road	Mtry/Sins Hwy	
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
\$450,000	3 bd 2 ba	Sa, Su 2-4
13705 Tierra Spur	Mtry/Sins Hwy	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		625-3300
\$659,000	4 bd 3 ba	Sa 1-4
10741 El Camino Nuevo	Mtry/Sins Hwy	
Mitchell Group		624-0136
\$855,000	5 bd 4 ba	Su 1-4
13795 Vista Dorada	Mtry/Sins Hwy	
Mitchell Group		624-0136

MARINA

\$189,900	3 bd 2 ba	Su 10-12:30
298 Park Circle	Marina	
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040

SALINAS

\$149,900	3 bd 2 ba	Sa 10-12:30
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LETTERS

From page 14A

property. This to me is a win-win-win situation, for the community, the airfield, and the few new residents to the airport property.

Lawrence J. Sonn , Carmel

Bigger storms coming?

Dear Editor:

Most Building Departments in California have tracked weather patterns since the entity was formed. Usually a 100 year storm is the standard for avoiding construction in flood plain zones. The Army Corps of Engineers has maps showing "blue lines" for fifty year storms and hundred year storms. These are available from the nearest office of the Corps. Everyone who has questions about their property being subject to flooding should make an effort to obtain such information and if it is confusing have one of the engineers at your building department explain what property is or is not in one of those flood plains.

The trouble is, there isn't a "200 Year Storm" map anywhere. We know that weather builds into wet cycles and dry cycles. There are extremely wet cycles and there are extremely dry cycles. The wet cycles cause disasters and the dry cycles cause drought. Those weather patterns build up to a crescendo over the years. In either a wet cycle or a dry cycle. The peak in each case is a year that sets record wet or dry years. In the event a 200 year storm pattern is building now the next few years may be very destructive to our precious County. Unthinkable flood waters may destroy most of what we love about our surroundings. How do we find out what might happen? That is a difficult question, but one that must be answered. Politicians won't tell us. They would rather let disasters continue to occur than cause a panic in real estate prices and or a drop in tourism or a depressed economy. We cannot rely on the Government in this case — to them our health and safety is irrelevant. Or as the saying goes, "If it doesn't squeak why fix it." That is one of our biggest problems in America. We hear squeaks they don't until they see a total wreck or dead bodies.

Some local Indians know more about weather phenomena than do scientists. It would be a good idea to have someone like "Little Bear" gather some ancient data from his tribe. Perhaps there is a history painted on the walls of some cave or on some rocks somewhere telling us the facts about past storm cycles. He was very helpful in defeating the proposed dam. Think what would happen to our neighbors in the Carmel Valley if it were built and a 200 year

storm wrecked it. In the event that information is available, I think all of us would like to know what lies ahead. I for one would like to know what to avoid in the future. It is my responsibility to protect my family and property. Politicians are totally irrelevant to me in that context. How about you?

Chris Wojciechowski, A.I.A., Architect, Pebble Beach

Write-in candidate needed

Dear Editor:

Isn't it about time someone stepped forward and take a stand for the citizens of Carmel? The individuality of old which represented the "True Carmelite" is becoming the "Cookie-Cutter Carmelite." Citizens need a leader, be it in tree planting/pruning/removal, home design or infrastructure repairs and city budgetary priorities. The present Mayor and City Manager may pat each other on the back and "look good" to each other while our citizens and town are being neglected and suffering in the process. We need a write-in mayoral candidate who will provide leadership.

Barbara Smoak, Carmel

Piccadilly fundraiser

Dear Editor:

Our January 22nd fundraiser with Elizabeth Murray was a huge success due in no small way to your timely and accurate write-ups. Your staff writer Margot Petit Nichols wrote an exceptional article about the upcoming event.

The Garden Club is most appreciative of your help. We have reached our \$100,000 goal and are now on to renovating Piccadilly Park which should be completed by early summer.

Nancy John, President,
Carmel-by-the Sea Garden Club

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Appeals court agrees that dam EIR was inadequate

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A THREE JUDGE panel of the California Appeals Court has unanimously upheld a ruling by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Richard Silver that the EIR prepared for the New Los Padres Dam was inadequate.

Judge Silver's ruling ordered the Monterey Peninsula Management District to prepare a supplemental EIR for the dam after complaints from Galante Vineyards, Bernardus Winery and others that construction of the dam would harm agriculture and viticulture in Carmel Valley.

'Fugitive dust' from the dam's construction would obstruct sunlight and coat vine leaves, the vintners complained. They also feared that the creation of a new, large body of water might alter frost patterns in the valleys where valuable grapes are grown. Neither issue was adequately addressed in the original EIR, Judge Silver ruled and, in a decision published last month, the Appeals Court agreed.

The dam was voted down in November, 1995. But Cal-Am Water wants to build what it calls a "no growth" version of the same dam. Cal-Am calls the project the "Carmel River dam and reservoir."

According to Darby Fuerst of the water management district, a supplemental EIR addressing the viticulture issues is being prepared and will be ready for public review in May.

The district says it appealed Judge Silver's decision because the viticulture issues were raised too late in the EIR review process, and that nearly all the EIR opponents were "precluded" from challenging the EIR in court because they had "failed to participate in the public comment period for

the second supplemental draft EIR."

At issue was a state law that forbids court challenges to EIRs and permits by people who didn't participate in the process that led to certification of an EIR or issuance of a permit.

But the court ruled that participation at any point in the entire EIR and permit process is sufficient to establish a person's right to sue later. "Any challenge to this interpretation should be addressed to the Legislature," the Court said.

The Appeals Court also upheld Judge Silver's ruling that the vintners were entitled to \$79,218.50 in attorney's fees and costs. The water management district had claimed that awarding attorney's fees was improper because the vintners had a "significant financial interest in the outcome of the case."

POLICE LOG

From page 4A

Carmel area: Woman on San Juan Road reported that someone had sprayed shaving cream on the passenger's side roof of her car causing the paint to discolor.

Carmel area: Forty-five-year-old woman found deceased in her El-Camino Estrada home.

Carmel area: Resident at an Atherton Drive residence reported a bicycle missing from her unlocked garage.

Carmel area: In the Highlands area a person reported that a neighbor was covering up a culvert and diverting water down the street and causing damage. Public works said they would take care of the problem.

Carmel Valley: At Camp Steffani and Wawona Road a sheriff stopped a suspicious driver. Driver did not have a license but did have marijuana and a brown powdery substance that turned out to be methamphetamines.

Pebble Beach: During an argument at a golf course, two men fought and one pushed the other causing him to fall and strike his head on the pavement. He was bleeding and lost consciousness. Man transported to Community Hospital.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Employees at store on Ocean Avenue

asked that police walk through because of a suspicious customer. Subject appeared to be taking his time while shopping.

Carmel area: On Scenic Drive a female needed assistance because she was ending her relationship with a man whom she said might destroy her property. She was told to call if situation escalates.

Carmel Valley: Businessman said a Carmel Valley woman had stayed at his lodge without paying.

Carmel Valley: Erratic driver on Carmel Valley Road. CHP took over situation.

Carmel Valley: Woman stopped on Valley Greens and CVR. She identified herself as someone else. She had no license and no insurance.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subjects on Carmel Beach advised that it was closed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Party stated that someone sold 18 pieces of her artwork for \$1,800 and did not forward the money to her.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog picked up at Lincoln and Ocean; placed in CPD kennel.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Bar on Junipero reported two loud customers. Police came but subjects had exited.

Carmel area: Woman at local shopping center reported theft of her checking account access cards; money was taken

out.

Carmel area: Man on Greenfield Place reported that his neighbor was having a loud party. She was contacted and agreed to turn the music down.

Carmel area: Defacing of three vehicles reported on Bonita Way.

Carmel area: Man reported patio furniture stolen from his San Remo residence.

Carmel Valley: Woman who parked her vehicle in a hotel parking lot said her transmission hose was "punctured maliciously."

Carmel Valley: Grey Goose Gulch mother reported having a dispute with her 12-year-old son on the way he treats his younger brother. Youth was counseled.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a door open at residence on Sixth. It was not shut completely and blew open. Carmel Police Department shut it, but couldn't lock it.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a tree down near the Red Cross. No hazards.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man on Lincoln and Ninth reported his wife lost. He was showing signs of dementia and could not provide a description of spouse. Did not wish to make report.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person wandering around San Carlos and Fifth. Stated he was walking back to residence. He did so.

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REAL ESTATE

Planner says lot study could short-change Carmel-by-the-Sea when new water is allocated

By PAUL WOLF

THE REVISED study of future water demand could still end up short-changing Carmel in future water distributions, according to city planners.

Senior Planner Rick Tooker is pleased the revised report, released by the water district this week, is now accurate in numbering Carmel's vacant lots at 55. However, the formula that equates every remodel with a modest .138 acre-feet of water overlooks Carmel's most significant trend — the replacement of one house (often a Carmel cottage) with multiple houses on the same parcel.

A new house uses about twice as much water as a typical remodel, he explained.

The report prepared by Land Systems, Inc. of Monterey classifies any multiple replacement project as a single remodel, according to Dick Ely, who represents Carmel on the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District board.

Peninsula-wide, the report estimates about 4,280 remodels will take place over the next decade.

Ely disagrees with Tooker that the report will be used as a tool for divvying up future water supplies.

The water director for Division 5 said the report accomplishes what Peninsula mayors and city staffers have not been able to do — come up with figures to indicate how much water is needed for vacant lots and remodels over the next decade.

Another question is, of course, where the needed 882 acre-feet — the report's central finding — is supposed to come from.

The soggy landscape created by El Niño notwithstanding, the Peninsula is parched by a legal water shortage, lack of new projects and limited storage.

The biggest project in the works, Cal-Am's Carmel River Dam, will include no water for new construction or remodels. The water district is studying other, smaller projects, but officials cannot say when (or if) these will lead to enough water for citizens who desire to build.

Completely dry

As it stands, Carmel is completely dry in its commercial and residential water banks. Each week, the planning staff must turn property owners away from the counter with no information about when the water picture will improve.

Tooker criticized the report as still underplaying the importance of "hidden lots" which are multiple, legal lots that sit under some single homes. If people tear down the homes, the legal lots can be sold separately to others who

want to build. The planner described the report as less an accurate view of future demand and more a description of past usage, which has been awkwardly applied to the future.

Ely disagrees, explaining that the report does not have remodels broken down by city. Consequently, "formulas" for each city will be hard to arrive at.

Stephanie Locke, the water district's demand supervisor, agreed the report isn't perfect or complete, saying, "It's not set in stone and it's not the last word." She added that a separate study on hidden lots would be a big, big job.

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systems have adapted to support the lean. It is important to observe trees in their normal state on non-stormy days to become familiar with their normal position. During windy storms almost all trees sway. Inspect the ground around trees regularly to note any upheaval or change.

Undergrounding the overhead utilities would be destructive to root systems of our existing street trees. However, it bears further investigation as it has the long term benefit of fewer power outages and would allow planting on both sides of the street. Topping trees under wires and near poles is both unsightly and can produce weak trees. Perhaps the cost for under grounding could be borne jointly by citizens and utility companies. It should be explored.

The Carmel Forest and Beach Commission has never denied a request to remove a tree that has been deemed a hazard by our very competent forestry staff. Gary Kelly and Mike Branson are certified arborists and they prepare extensive and thoughtful reports on each request that comes before them. The commission meets monthly, tours the sites and makes decisions in the field. We take aesthetics, privacy, number of existing trees to be preserved, health and safety, importance to the urban forest, reason for request and available space for replacement trees into consideration.

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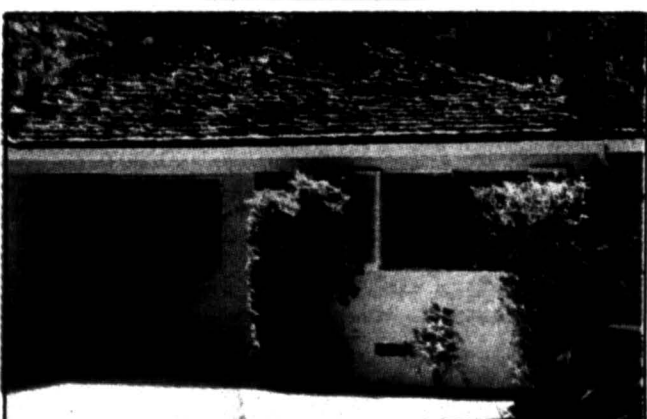
CARMEL



PEACE IN MISSION FIELDS! This 4-bedroom, 3-bath home is located in an area convenient to shopping, Carmel-by-the-Sea and even the nearby ball field. Two of the bedrooms could be "masters," one with a view of the gazebo, the other with a view toward Fish Ranch. Gazebo with hot tub in the fenced back yard. \$349,500.

"ROSE COTTAGE!" This charming original wooden cottage is situated in the heart of town, near the post office and six blocks to the beach. It offers lofty open ceilings, an inviting brick fireplace and deck running the length of the living room, providing a peek of the sea. The kitchen has a window corner with view to the backyard. Plus basement with storage space. A gated front yard completes this Carmel charmer. \$415,000.

CARMEL PARADISO! This special Comstock-like property sits on a beautifully landscaped, large corner lot. The 3-bedroom, 2-bath home includes a spacious living room, a solarium/library and cozy patio. The park-like setting is accented by the tile and stone paths and Koi fish pond. Truly a Carmel paradise. \$639,000.



LEASE OPTION POSSIBLE! If you are dreaming about a home of your own, come see this charming 2-bedroom, 2-bath home with brick corner fireplace and large fenced yard. Plenty of room to add on and, best of all, the owner will consider a lease option. \$343,500.

YOUR DREAM HOME! This is a charming, one-story, 2-bedroom, 2-bath home with a den and family room. This home is light and bright featuring a large formal entry with tile floors. The living room features a vaulted ceiling, fireplace and opens out to a lovely patio and gardens. The master suite includes a bathtub with jets. \$450,000.

CHARM & PRIVACY IN CARMEL! Only a few blocks from town and Carmel Beach, this home is situated on a landscaped double-sized lot. The home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, formal dining room, elegant fireplace, impressive bay window, hardwood floors under newer carpet, sun-drenched brick patio, and 2-car garage. This home has lots of privacy and is in move-in condition. \$565,000.

SUNSHINE BRIGHT! Designed for comfortable living, this home features an ultra-modern kitchen, living room with hardwood floors and floor-to-ceiling marble fireplace, 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. With ocean views from the major rooms, this price is just right. \$695,000.

ROMANTIC MEDITERRANEAN! A seven-years-young, yet classic home on a large corner lot south of Ocean Avenue. Formal patio to leads to inviting entry. Main level features a large dining room & living room, both with hardwood floors. Terrific open gourmet kitchen with custom cabinets combines with family room, 2nd fireplace, and Saltillo tile floors. Upper level has 3 bedrooms, two with French doors to decks. Lots of skylights make this splendid home light & bright. \$795,000.

NEW ON MARKET! A 1920's classic home updated in the 50's by Mark Mills on a landscaped lot of 7000 sq. ft. with broad views of the Pacific Ocean & Pescadero Point. A blend of old-world charm with modern conveniences, it has a flexible floor plan with either 4 or 5 bedrooms & 4 baths. Entertain on the rear patio or open dining room overlooking the front deck. Only one block to the beach. \$1,100,000.

CARMEL HIGHLANDS



SEA VIEW CONTEMPORARY! In a great Highlands location, here's a spacious 5-bedroom, 4-bath home capturing splendid ocean views. Over 3,000 sq. ft. of quality living space is found in this meticulously maintained home with dramatic living room and open ceilings, ocean-view master suite, formal view dining room, and guest level. \$699,000.

SIMPLY UNIQUE! This tri-level, 4-year-old home with reverse floor plan boasts top-of-the-line kitchen appliances, master suite with fireplace, whirlpool tub and deck. All bedrooms on first floor; living area on second level includes dining and family rooms. Top level is library, office or art studio. Clean, contemporary lines are warmed by rustic, natural materials. \$799,000.

CARMEL VALLEY

SUNNY DELIGHT! Surprises are in store in this spacious 4-bedroom, 2-bath California ranch-style home on a .93-acre parcel located near the village. A large cathedral ceilinged living room with floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace leads to south-facing deck & large enclosed yard. A generous kitchen has a good dining area with some updating & minor repair, your dream will be created. \$389,000.



PERFECTION IN CARMEL VALLEY! Completely remodeled and exuding charm, this 2-bedroom, 2-bath home with

guest house is perfect. Wonderful master suite with fireplace, sitting area & deck. There's a large country kitchen with commercial range and the outdoor patios are of Saltillo tile and wood. The property is a private paradise in a walk-to-village or park location. Now \$399,000.



COUNTRY LIVING! Panoramic Garland Park views from this lovely home with vaulted ceilings and loft. Enjoy the comforts of this 3-bedroom, 4-bath home with privacy for guests in the guest house and pool area. To discover more, call today for a private appointment. \$525,000.

SPACIOUS HIDEAWAY! Sunny and private home on 1+ acre offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room with fireplace, decks, patios, and garden. The master offers a walk-in closet and a private deck with spa. The functional floor plan enhances the spacious and airy home. \$445,000.

COMFORT & EASY LIVING! Move into this spacious 2-bedroom, 2-bath single level home complete with a wonderful family room off the kitchen. Lots of windows frame the delightful view of the golf course and surrounding mountains. With a private patio and low-maintenance landscaping, this is a wonderful home situated on a cul-de-sac lot within Quail Lodge. \$569,000.

PRIVACY & VIEWS! If you are looking for more "living" room, this spacious 4-bedroom, 3-1/2-bath home on about 4 acres may be the answer. This 2-story, country-style home offers about 4000 sq. ft., 2 family rooms, marble baths, wine cellar and lots of room to roam. \$599,000

EQUESTRIAN PROPERTY! A horse lover's paradise, this 50 acre horse ranch is located in a sunny area. A 3-bedroom, 1-bath home on the property is included. There is an all weather arena, 24 paddocks, 8 stall barn, tack room and 5 pastures. \$2,200,000.

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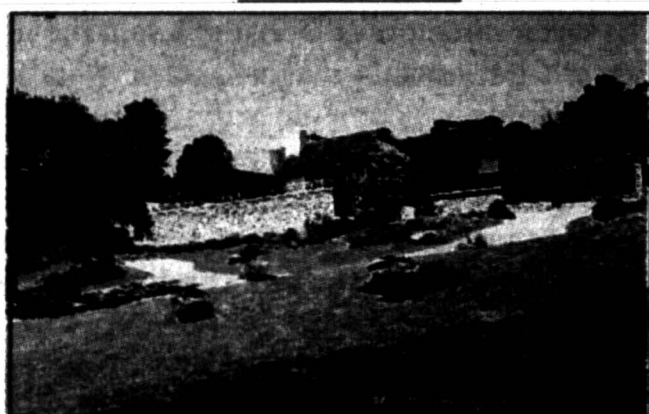
NEW ON MARKET! Great house in the woods with a view of the bay. Situated on a 1/2-acre lot, this house features 2 bedrooms, 1 bath and all plans/permits for a second bath. There is a fabulous wrap-around deck featuring planters with drip system and seating areas. \$345,000.

COUNTRY LIVING IN SUNBELT! This 3-bedroom, 2-bath home sits on nearly a 1/3 level acre. Remodeled kitchen features built-in desk, white tile floors and white cabinetry. Wood parquet floors, and wooden walls add a rustic charm. Freshly painted inside and out, this home also offers a large backyard with hot tub. \$335,000.

PEBBLE BEACH

NEW ON MARKET! Welcome home! When it comes to a residence with flair, this one has enough to light up anyone's life. Sited on a sunny lot just a moments walk from Spanish Bay resort and within ear-shot of the sounds of the surf. This masterfully remodeled home features a family room with fireplace and open-beam ceiling, two master suites plus 2 additional bedrooms, and an exquisite spacious kitchen adjoining the dining area. Two sunny decks and a brick patio complete this beautifully maintained home. \$639,950.

NEW ON MARKET! On a nearly 1.5 acre fenced lot, beautiful oak trees surround this recently painted & carpeted home with its 2-year-old roof. Features include a formal dining room, beamed-ceiling family room, 2 bedrooms & 2 baths. There is extensive decking and some ocean views. Plus guest house with fireplace & sitting room. All in an easy walk-to-The Lodge location. \$850,000.



LEGEND ON THE LINKS! Built by the Duke of Del Monte, this former estate of S.F.B. Morse on the first fairway of Pebble Beach Golf Links is steeped in character & legend. The gated and fully fenced 3.3-acre property is the largest on the golf course. The grand main house includes 6 bedrooms, 6 baths, an enormous sea-view terrace and enclosed courtyard. The detached guest house has an indoor swimming pool. Serene landscaped grounds. \$10,000,000.

NEW ON MARKET! Enjoy fairway and forest views from this spacious Spanish Bay end unit overlooking the 12th fairway of the links course. The residence features 3 bedrooms, 3-1/2 baths, hardwood floors, 3 fireplaces, a formal dining room and an office. Landscaped entry courtyard and rear patio. Walk to the Athletic Club, golf, tennis courts and experience the amenities of the Inn at Spanish Bay. \$1,475,000.

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AN ACE AT PEBBLE BEACH! Situated between the 11th green & 12th tee at Pebble Beach Golf Links, with sweeping views of the course, Point Lobos and the Pacific, this gracious home offers the perfect retreat for the true golf aficionado. Full of warmth & character, the Comstock post-adobe main house has 4 bedrooms & 5 baths. And there's a detached post-adobe guest house with kitchen on this 1.29-acre prestigious property. \$5,900,000.

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